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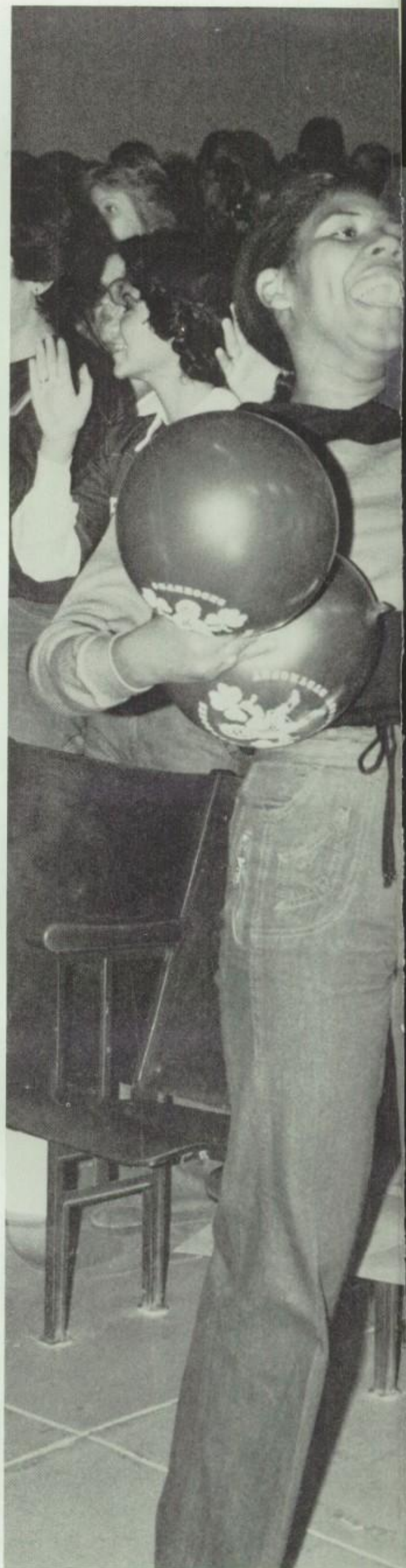
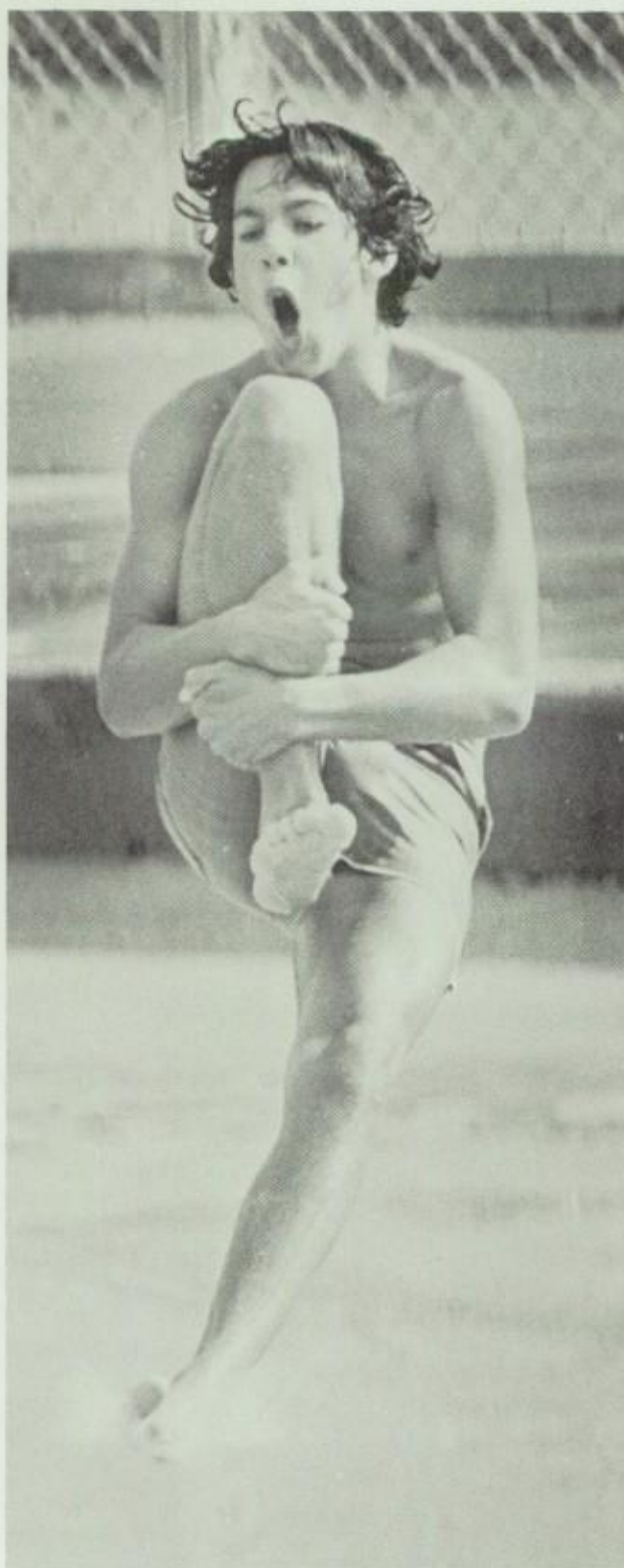


How The West Was One



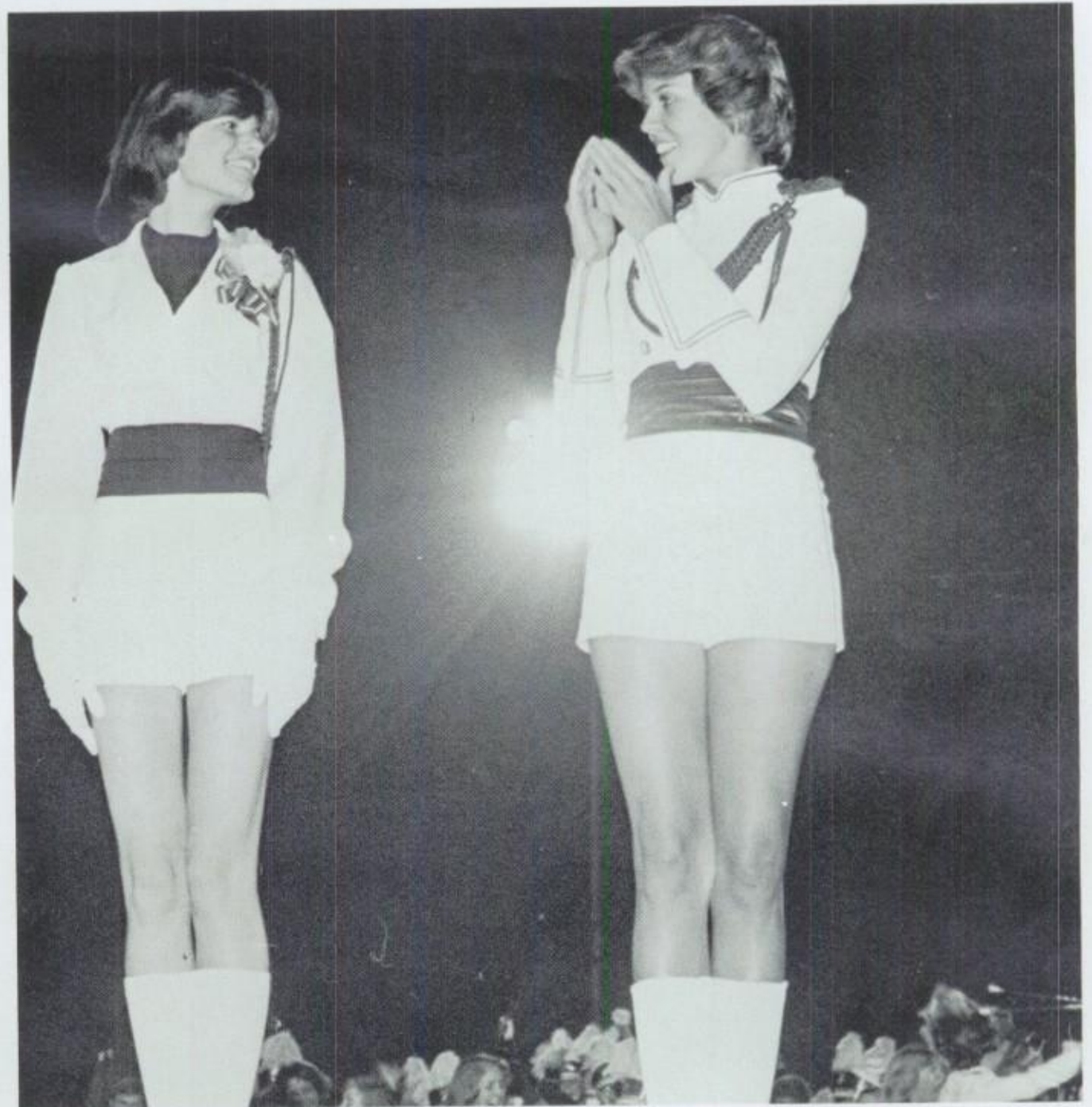
Over 150 couples, celebrating a 21-0 victory over the Elkins Tigers, attended the Homecoming dance at the Fairmont State Ballroom Oct. 15.

A jackknife off the high board at the Twelfth Street Pool cools Tom Jacquez in the hot summer days.





To fill the summer days, we sat around picnic tables at McDonald's not really concentrating on our french fries or coke. By the end of August, thoughts turned to the beginning of school and what jeans to wear on the first day. Lined up against the halls once more, we munched on a daily snack of chocolate milk and crackers. On weekends, we passed the time at Mac's or wandered 'round town. Through all the cruisin' on a Friday night, screaming at assemblies, and hangin' in the halls, a feeling of togetherness in the student body touched the West—and made it one.



Happy and surprised describes the new Maid-of-Marion Mary Pat Wilson as fellow band members in the background react estatically to the news.

A smile comes to the face of Robin Beans, senior, while catching the green balloons that fall from the stage at an assembly.

A twirl of talent is displayed by Nan Charlton, junior, as she performs at halftime with the band to the sounds of "Best Disco."

Spirit at its peak takes place in the hands of Shelly Vi-lar and Scott Weaver, juniors, as they cheer on the football team in an assembly.



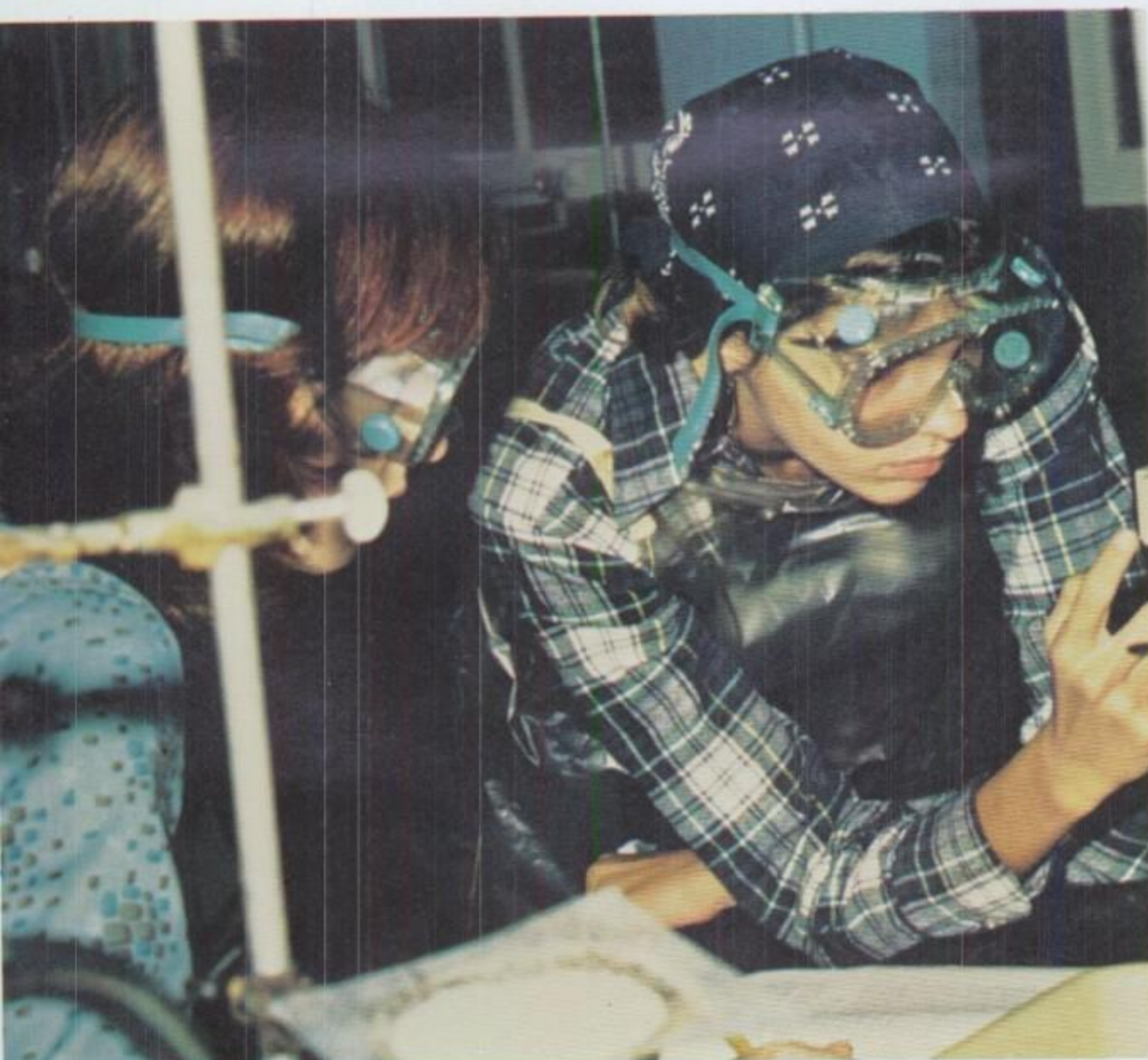
Within the first month we noticed the difference. One student captured it when he said, "There is something in the air this year." It was a feeling that made this year special and the West one. With a flip of the radio dial, we related to songs like "No-body Does it Better" or "We are the Champions" as we automatically sang along. It was a feeling that caused us to jump up and sway when the band burst out with "Gene, Gene the Dancing Machine."

We learned new things from playing the piano to traveling abroad. Something drew us together at all seasons from facing a fire in the fall to braving the freezing winter temperatures. Though not admitting it, we became bored when classes were postponed in January and were silently relieved when returning to the grind.

Fancy fingerings are demonstrated by Mr. James Cimini, instructor, as he helps Dana Biafore, freshman, in the new piano course.



Something In The Air



A new face in the crowd, Debbie Morgan, junior, surprises many as she demonstrates her Polar spirit with a Blue and White face at the East-West game.

Checking out the procedures, Beth Wood sits in Miss Marguerite Stewart's homeroom for the first time during Freshman Orientation.

The ups and downs of chemistry are experienced by Debbie Dunlap, junior, and Lori Hales, senior, as they learn to use a balance in a lab session.

HOW THE WEST WAS ONE

Cruising around town on a Friday night or just playing it cool at McDonald's struck most people as the typical life of a teenager; yet, all kids knew this was not true. For this year something different appeared in the air, something that was present from that first fall evening at the bonfire to the sounds of the "Fliers" at the Homecoming dance, from the cheers of the student body at assemblies to the roars of the community at the Bridgeport game, and from cut-ups among friends on a weekend to that Saturday night date.

It was a feeling that made lettermen proud to walk in the middle of a group of East Siders with a Polar Bear jacket on; it was the sound of "B-E-A-R-S, Bears, Bears" instead of "seniors" or "juniors" at an assembly, and it was the chill that went down every student's back when he heard "Fairmont Senior" on the loud speaker at the stadium or saw it printed in black and white.

It was the feeling that made them lift their heads high whenever the school name was mentioned and to react as if the West was one.

Attired in protective goggles and aprons, Kathy Howes and Twinkle Brown, juniors, master the act of pouring chemicals into a test tube in a chemistry lab.





What Made '78 So Great

As early as July, kids described the great football team we were going to have.

They were right, and it made a BIG difference at the Loop Park Campus.

Spirit built week by week, until it exploded at the Buckhannon thuse. Then the state rankings came out and listed the Bears at the top. No one could convince any player, coach, or fan that we weren't terrific. It was a feeling that penetrated the whole student body.

During assemblies, the auditorium was full and the Back Drive, in past years "The Place To Be," was empty. Everyone stood and shouts of "We're Number One" echoed from all corners.

Bridgeport-West Week caused more enthusiasm than the traditional East-West celebration.

The school donned Blue and White in every hall and a huge sign out front proclaiming, "Nobody Does It Better," told everyone how we felt. Several East High girls agreed as they requested that same song on the radio for our boys in blue after they edged Bridgeport, 14-12.

And Silence Day worked for the first

time in years. Blue and White were the colors of the day as Debbie Morgan, junior, went so far as to paint her face. Mr. Brian Cole was named the best dressed teacher wearing a hand-painted shirt.

And the West story continued. During the East-West game, the Cross Country team ran in with the state championship trophy in hand. And again the West was "One."

The feeling was still in the air when the football team got into the play-off finals. A thuse held Wednesday before Thanksgiving featured the team dressed in style. As the spotlight hit them, they strutted onto the stage to "The March of the Olympiad."

Everyone in the community got into the act as WMMN radio sponsored a telethon to send students to the game. Although the Bears lost, the unity continued at the awards presentation on the following Monday as the student body rose to its feet and cheered "We're Proud of Our Team."

Just another year? No way, because it was all those little extras that made '78 so great.



Impersonating the Polar Bear majorettes are Mr. Carl Wagner, Mr. Lindsay Bailey, Mr. James Cimino, and Mr. Robert Hawkins. Miss Linda Huber plays the drum.

Ecstatic fans rush onto the field to congratulate the football team, the game's underdogs, in their play-off victory over the Hoover Huskies.

They tried, but they couldn't do it. Coach Bob DeLorenzo reads an insulting letter sent by Bridgeport intending to break the Bears' spirit. Jack Bernardo and Paul Starr, WMMN announcers who emceed the assembly, listen as the note is read.

A feeling of pride sets in as Tom Burns, Rod Hoylman, Jeff Audia, John Case, and Mike Shan present their championship trophy to Principal John D. Tennant.





sign of the times . . . Freshmen and juniors display their enthusiasm during the Herbert Hoover Assembly.

Silence Day offenders laugh at being caught. Susan Hlebinsky, Mrs. Debbie Moore, Beth Meredith, Mr. Thomas Dragich, Mr. Bill Lawson, Fred Roman, Mike Dublin, Mr. Lew Petonick, and Todd Barlow sing for punishment.

A trumpet pyramid adds a unique look to the band performance as it plays the theme from "Rocky" during halftime activities. This and the guillotine produced standing ovations at thuses as well as football games.

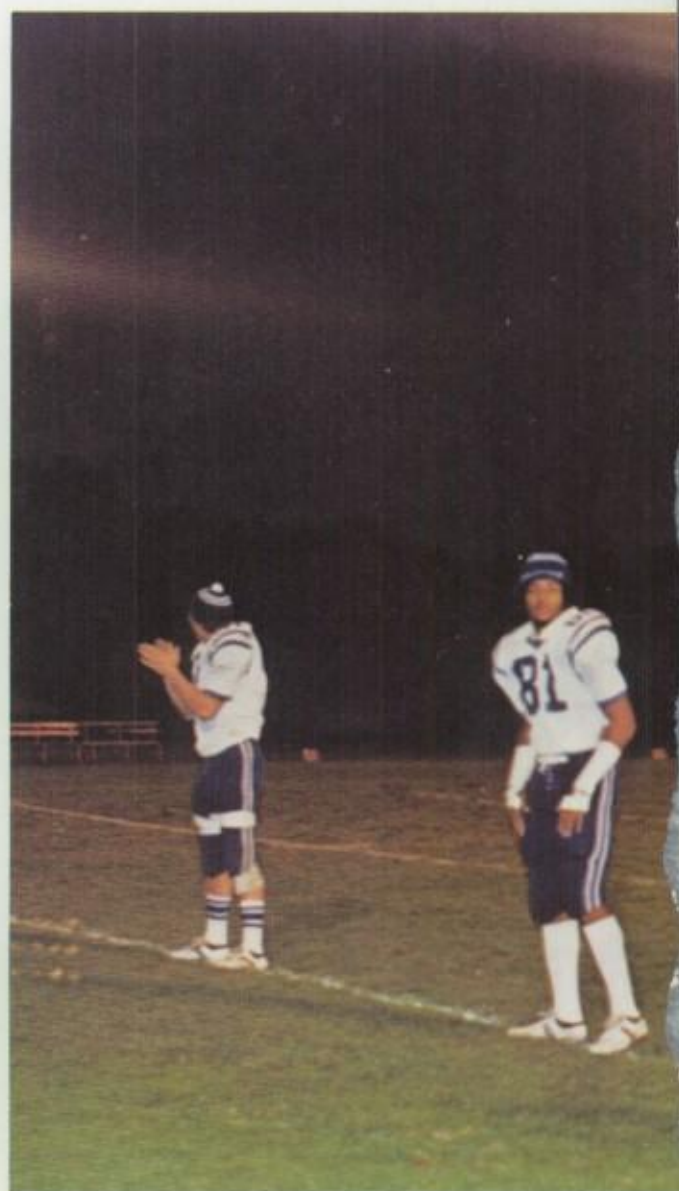


An allie in disguise, Genny Raikes is the Dead Bee at the East-West game. Crystal Waters was also chosen by the Student Council for her spirit to cheer.

A kiss for good luck is given to Patricia Nixon by Principal John D. Tennant after being crowned Homecoming Queen by Debbie Turney, '77 Homecoming Queen. Patricia was escorted by John Mentus, senior.

Worn for the first time at the Homecoming game, toboggans purchased by Coach "D" are seen on senior players Randy Jones, Calvin Turner, and Paul Hayhurst. The team received these after a win over Buckhannon-Upshur.

Igniting A Spark





Year after year, Homecoming seemed to come and go in the same fashion. But on the eve of the Homecoming weekend, a spark ignited that gave a new meaning to the event.

All through the week, contests were set up to promote spirit. Mike Dublin and Denise Smith, won the most irresistible eyes contest and Stevie Smith was declared Mr. Cuddles. Classes competed to see which could bring the most wood for the first bonfire held here in several

years. A snake dance featuring the band and team wound around 12 blocks in the vicinity of the school with about 300 students gathering at the bonfire.

And the warmth continued because for the first time in three years, a clear sky greeted the night of the game.

Then finally came the dance. At 11 p.m., when the magic hour arrived for the students, it was midnight, "The Other Side of Midnight."



Blue and White corsages mark the tradition of Homecoming. Cheering for another Bear touchdown are Diana Pellillo and Kim Moats, seniors.

Homecoming court members are Holly Hutchinson, freshman attendant; Bob Pileggi, escort; Phoenicia Butler, junior attendant; Kevin Clark, escort; Anne Marie Fanto, princess; John Case, escort; Todd Cole, crown bearer; Gwynn Hawkins, flower girl; Patricia Nixon, queen; John Mentus, escort; Denise Smith, maid-of-honor; Mitch Vingle, escort; Margie Bradshaw, princess; Brett McClain, escort; Lee Ann Roth, sophomore attendant. Escorting Lee Ann was Jim Wolfe, sophomore.

Riding in jeeps, dancing in the streets, and swaying to the sounds of "Rocky"—a parade; waving those spirit sticks, drowning in balloons, and screaming "Bears are the best"—assemblies; dancin' to the sounds of the Fliers, and shivering with thrill at a bonfire—Homecoming. What a year, what memories, what made them possible? Student Council.

This year Student Council took a new approach and added a new touch. The times began in the summer when seven students attended West Virginia Wesleyan Student Council Workshop for a week. It wasn't long after that when Freshman Orientation popped up and the school year began.

While this action took place, another honor hit the leaders. Anthony Finamore was elected State Student Council Vice President at the fall convention and Betsy Talbott was named head junior counselor for the upcoming summer workshop.

What a year, what a student government!

Students enjoy the sound of "Fliers" at the Homecoming Dance at Fairmont State Ballroom. Student Council sponsored this activity.

Making It Happen



Student Council—FRONT ROW: Lori Hales, Sharon Glazer, Toni Parker, Wendy Knisely, Monica Dublin, and Linda Fortney; **SECOND ROW:** John Prendergast, Renee Helzer, Liz Heine, Janie Cox,

Holly Hutchinson, Jim Wolfe, and Tim Haley; **THIRD ROW:** Dave Finamore, Steve Talbott, Anthony Finamore, Robert Pileggi, Richard Viglianco, and Mike West.





With signature and seal, Mayor Earl Straight signs the proclamation for Polar Bear Day. Witnesses are Mr. John Tennant, principal; Susan Hlebinsky, student body president; Skip Delligatti and Bob DeLorenzo, coaches.

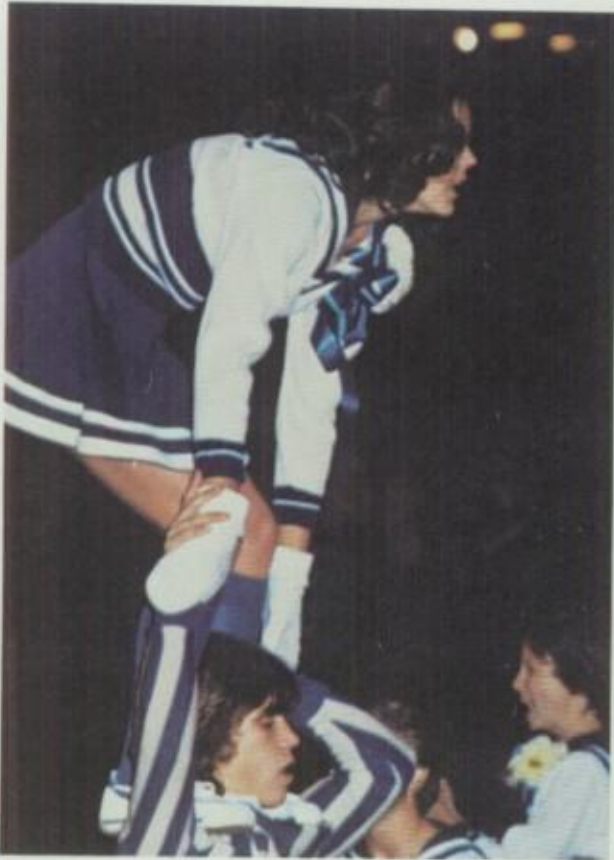


To congratulate the football players for their season, student body officers present them with a cake. The officers include Gretchen Smith, secretary; Anthony Finamore, student body representative; Toni Parker, vice president; and Susan Hlebinsky, president.

Adding A New Twist

Performing off the mini-tramp Scott Keener, sophomore, who was chosen as the first stuntman in West Fairmont History, completes a full flip.

Wobbling on the shoulders of Scott Keener, sophomore, is Shelley Rombola, senior. The new university style of cheering kept the fans continually surprised.



The thrill of a touchdown sends Jennifer McLeary, junior, and Martha Nickolich, senior, off the ground at the play-off game.

Varsity cheerleaders are FRONT ROW: Pam Cheslock, Jennifer McLeary, Shelley Rombola, Louise Little; SECOND ROW: Dodie Stoneking, Martha Nickolich, Stephanie Hannon, and Genevieve Stubbs.





Creating another pyramid that reaches the ceiling are the varsity cheerleaders. Louise Little, senior, served as head.

Finding no relief from the drizzling rain at the first game are Margie Bradshaw, Stephanie Hannon, Pam Cheslock, and Jennifer McLeary.



Remember the pat on the back after an exhausting game, those endless Blue and White signs, that crazy skit with those foolish East Side Bees, that scary thrill of watching someone flip through the air and land on his feet? Yes? Then you remember 10 enthusiastic people who helped make '78 so great—the cheerleaders.

Their work began in the 90-degree summer heat when they spent two hours daily for three months practicing. They also spent four days at West Virginia Wesleyan's cheerleading camp where they won a blue ribbon in group competition and placed third out of fifty in skit performance.

The squad, also including Dodie Stoneking, the mascot, and West's first stuntman Scott Keener, added something new from a university style of cheering which used a mini-tramp to pyramid stunts.

A lot of credit went to a real "Bear barker," Mrs. Jo Lawson, adviser, who brought about the new ideas.

Cheerleaders—people who are always there and always care.

Something new from out of the blue

It didn't take long before students realized assemblies were something to look forward to and skits something to laugh about. Everyone pushed out of homeroom to grab a seat and hear the trumpets blaring from the balcony. In contrast to last year, students were allowed to sit anywhere in their class section instead of with their homeroom.

The enthusiasm of the student body, as well as the faculty, came alive at the Buckhannon-Upshur assembly. Mr. Delligatti's marshmallow-eating contest led to many more skits such as Mr. Tennant, dressed as an eagle, being carried out of the auditorium by Mr. Duncil.

The cheerleaders came up with new cheers and pyramids, the band brought on a wide variety of shows including the trumpet guillotine, and Mrs. Judy Byers even got into the act when she put a "spell" on the Bees. During the Bridgeport thuse, Jack Bernardo and Paul Starr, the voices of the Bears, presented a letter to the student body from the Indians.

Then there were the times balloons fell through the air as the players filed on stage. Organized by the student body officers and Mrs. Jo Lawson, the assemblies became something new from out of the blue.



Pulling a fast one on Coach Skip Delligatti is Coach Bob DeLorenzo in a marshmallow eating contest. Accomplices in this prank were Susan Hebinsky and Toni Parker.

Twirling to a different tune in the teacher's skit is Mr. Byron Duncil, driver's education instructor. The faculty took part in many thuses.





Singing their song are Sharon laquinta, senior; Roxanne Gardi, freshman; Anita Alberico and Melinda Hogan, juniors; after they broke silence day.



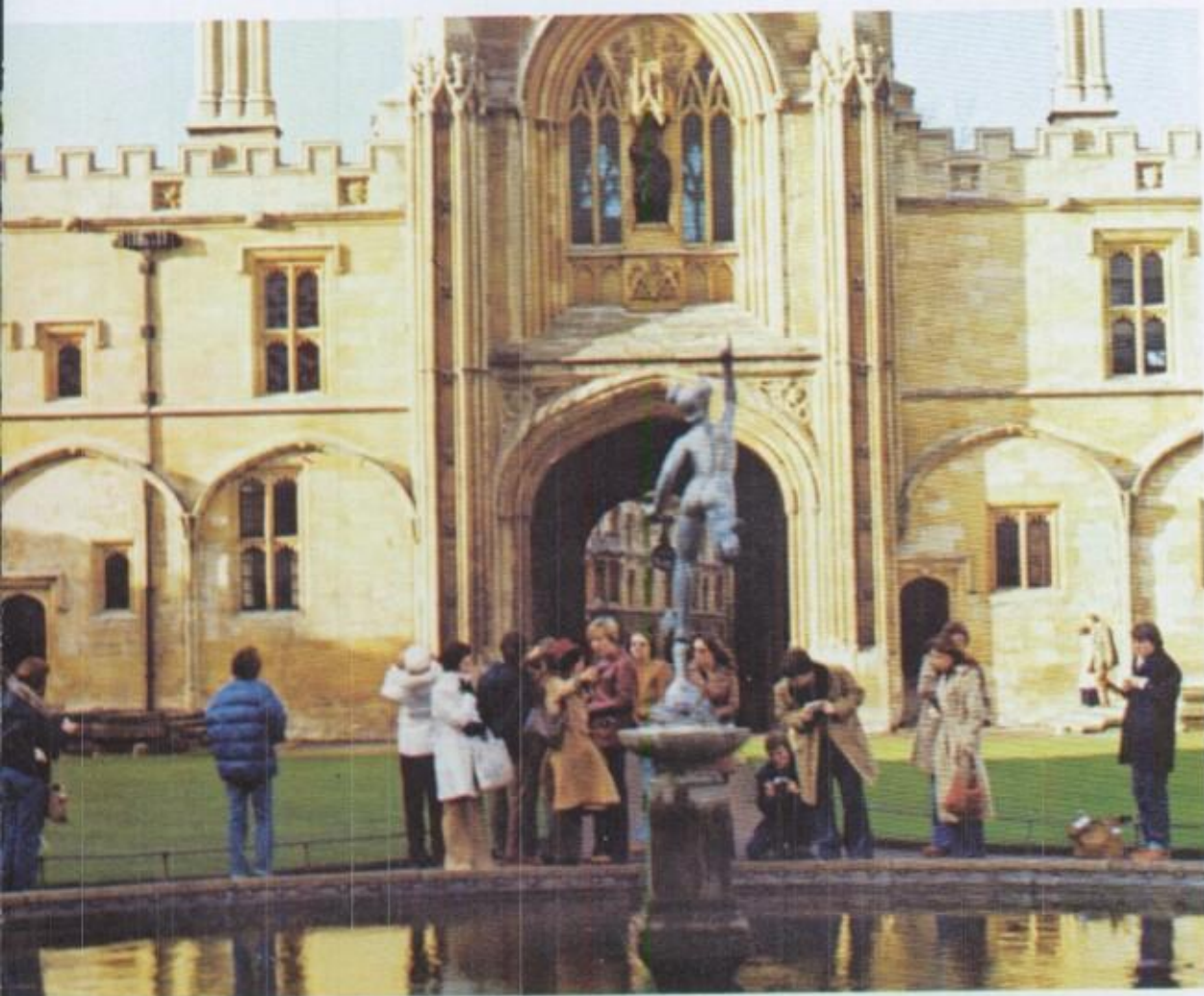
Showing respect for the school, Scott Keener and John Wills, sophomores, give the Number One gesture during the Alma Mater, a long-time tradition.

Fascinated by the sights of the Gardens of Versailles, students and chaperones stop to take pictures.

A bit of sunshine offered perfect conditions for John Prendergast, Melinda Hogan, Tammy Patchuk, Brenda Barr, Kevin Clarke, and Rod Hoylman on the Baton Rouge Cruise on the Seine River.



1st stop Europe



Spending 10 days touring London and Paris sounds like a dream to a lot of people, but this dream came to life for 30 students and chaperones over the Thanksgiving holidays.

The travelers began their sightseeing in London where they visited Westminster Abbey, the British Museum, the Tower of London, and Stratford-on-Avon.

Next stop was Paris, where the group viewed famous works of art such as the Mona Lisa, Winged Victory, and the Venus de Milo at the Louvre.

Thanksgiving dinner in Paris was a unique experience since the group "rented" a restaurant and ate beef instead of turkey.

While all dreams must come to an end, this one ended more like a nightmare as a snowstorm greeted them in Washington, D.C. After a long bus trip, the tired but happy travelers returned to Fairmont.

Student travelers view the fountain in the center of Christ College in London. They also visited the Opera and the Georges Pompidou Center.



Stopping to check their film supply before touring the Fountainbleau Palace are Sarah Schwartz, junior, and Barry Wills, senior.

Waiting to enter the home of Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway, located in London, are Kim Retton and Mark Williams, seniors.

ABSENCE POLICY

A TEACHER'S FRIEND?

A SKIPPER'S ENEMY?

Along with the annual question of most students, "How are we going to skip?" came the question asked by the administration, "How are we going to stop them?"

The defensive action and answer—THE NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY.

Many students and teachers were leery about this procedure. The policy was a bit difficult for some to understand, but after an explanation from Principal John D. Tennant most of the questions were answered.

The policy allowed each student 10 days of absence per semester for such things as illness, professional appointments, and personal or family emergencies. Absences from study hall or

"All right! Now I can miss all those finals that kill my grades."

homeroom were treated the same as absences from any other class.

When a student reached four absences, a parental conference was required. However, school sponsored activities approved by the administration

were not counted toward the total of 10 days, and neither were absences due to a late or non-running bus.

Yet, a student who was suspended from school for a disciplinary problem for any number of days had that number charged against him. Three unexcused tardies were also counted as one absence. However, the administration did change the number of minutes between classes from four to five.

If a student exceeded his 10 allotted days, he had the right to file an appeal with an extension committee that consisted of administration, faculty, parents, and students. Yet, it was emphasized that the allotted days were not to be considered skip days and that when a student was caught skipping he lost his right to appeal before the extension committee.

Also upon accumulating 10 absences, the student had the choice of continuing to attend that class and auditing it, thereby receiving no credit, or just dropping the course and receiving a failing grade.

Moreover, students who missed three days or less had the option, regardless of

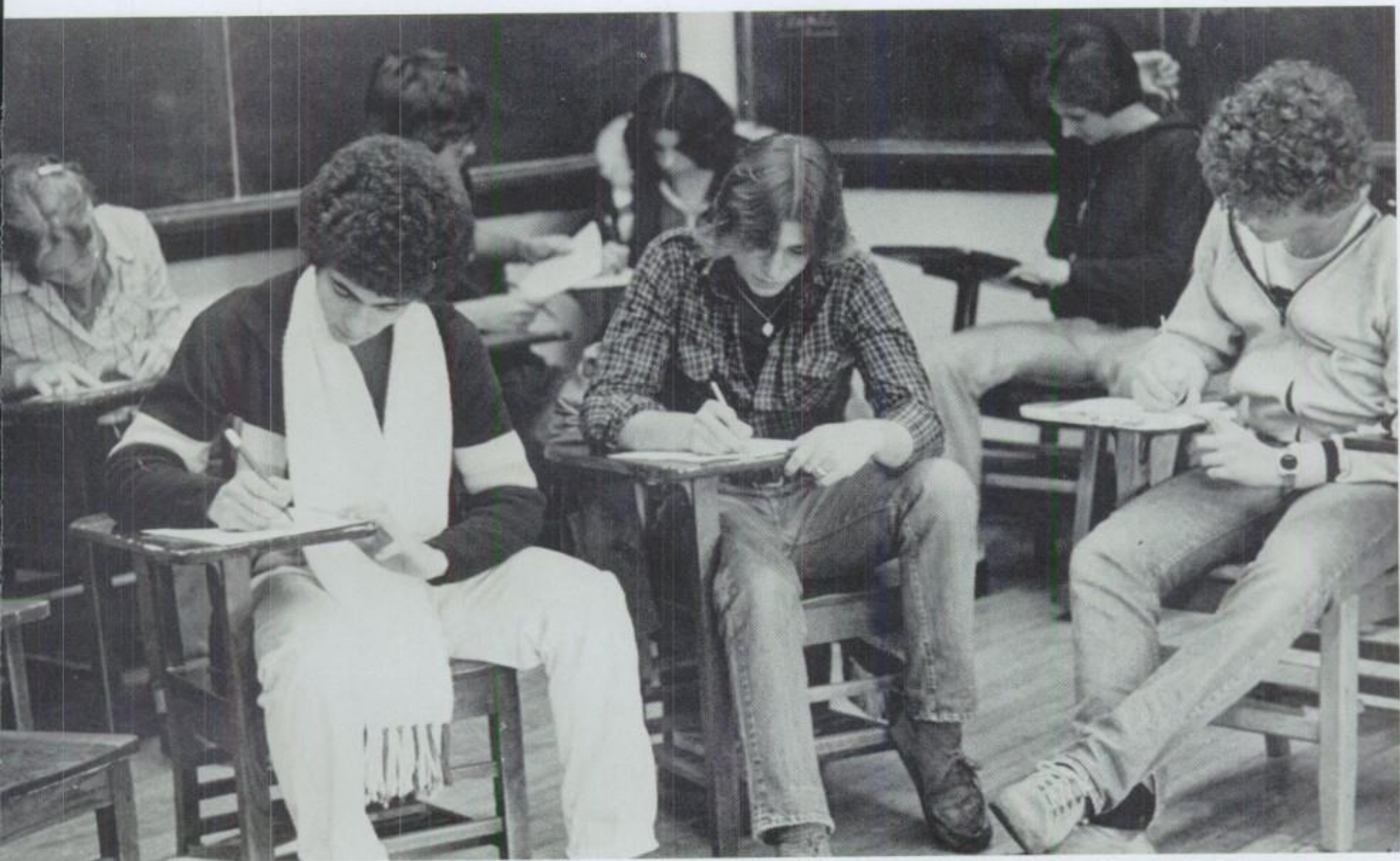
grade point average, of taking semester finals. However, they were able to take the tests if they felt it would improve their grades. If they decided not to take the tests, they were not required to attend school that day.

The main reason for the policy was the

"Oh, no—what am I going to do? I always miss more than 10 days because of my health. It's not fair."

belief that maximum learning occurs for most students through regular attendance and that excessive absences often result in a poor grade or failure. Students who have good attendance generally achieve higher grades, enjoy school more, and are more employable after graduation.

Did it work? Yes. Absences due to skipping were cut in half and of the 50 appeals to the extension committee only 13 were required to repeat classes. THE NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY—perhaps a friend to all?



Paying the penalty for too many absences are Johnnie Joe Mentus, Gary Thompson, and Sam McLaughlin.



Making the decisions about student appeals are extention committee members Mr. Tom Dragich and Mr. Bob Hawkins.

Under The Hot Lights

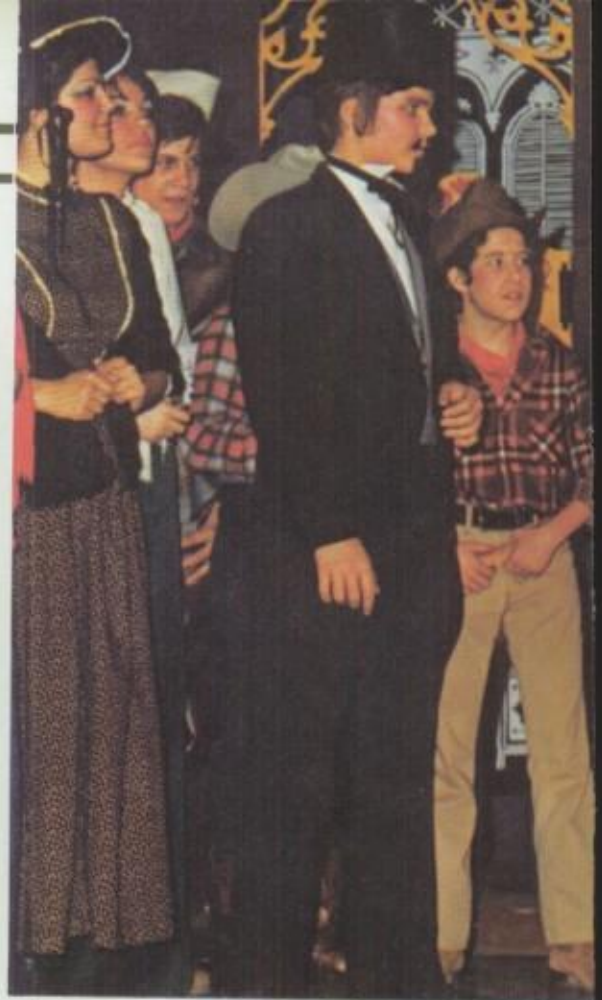
A group of 60 students spent hours learning lines, make-up techniques, and the ways of production to present the play "The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch" to audiences in the auditorium Dec. 1-3.

The cast portrayed characters from saloon girls and town sheriffs, to a praising preacher and gossipy townspeople. The play, based on the life of the town bum Sneaky Fitch, was the first production of Thespians during the year.

Other members of the cast were Ronnie Board, Kari Carlson, Tony Evans, Tina Hanning, Debbie Hetrick, Susan Laughlin, Rick Vilar, and Elizabeth Warren.

Mrs. Vicki Weber was the director and Mindy Sherbs was assistant to the director and stage manager.

Sneaky Fitch, portrayed by Don Raikes, claims Maroon, Shelly Vilar, as his woman after the shooting of the sheriff. J.P. Wallman is surprised.



Music makers Jim Wolfe and Frank Saporito sing western song "Buffalo Gal" between scenes to entertain the audience.

Mourning the death of Sheriff Jack Olgesby, Randy Stickley, is Maroon and the townspeople, while Sneaky Fitch stands in satisfaction.



Paying a bounty to Tim McAteer, is Reverend Blackwood, Don Reed, as townspeople, Kendra Stingo, Melissa Reese, Mike Neizgoda, Tod Craft, and J.P. Wallman, watch.

Putting the final touches on Don Raikes' make-up is Mrs. Weber and Jennifer Little, properties staff.



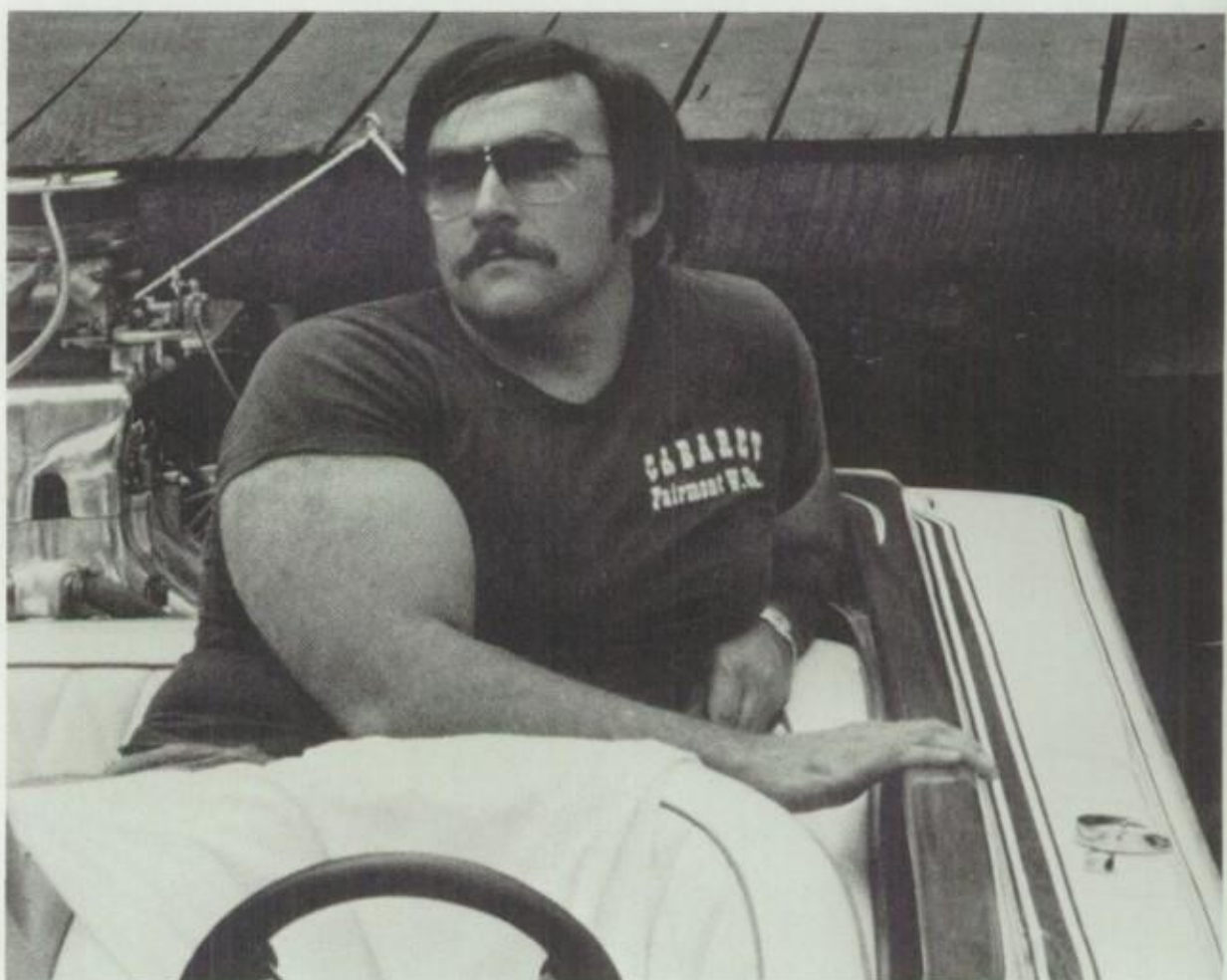
A Place In The Sun

To survive the 98-degree temperatures which continued for several weeks last summer, students took a dip in the nearby Tygart Valley River. Some were satisfied to splash along the banks, but many carried their skills as far as water skiing and boating.

The Tygart Valley Water Ski Club is under the direction of Ron Rolland, president. 60 regular performing members, with 25 different acts, stage an annual ski show at Wood's Boat House.

Others taking advantage of the river are teachers, Mr. Tim Slamick, Mr. Barry Vingle, Mr. Tom Dragich, and Miss Tina Ruggiero.

Boat enthusiast, Mr. Tim Slamick, American Studies teacher, waits his turn to pull a skier. Watching the sport is fun, but participating is better.





Braving the waters barefoot is John Owings, junior, as he participates in the boat show. This is one of the many acts in the summer event.

Skiing is a family affair with the Posts. Performing a pyramid in the boat show are Derek, senior; Brian, junior; and their sister, Sheila.



ALL ABOARD

**An introduction to the
whats, whys, and wherefores
of skateboarding on wheels**

Professional skateboarding has been rolling along for a few years now, but for many downhillers the fun has just begun.

Equipped with skateboards, helmets, elbow and knee pads, gloves, and tennis shoes (some go barefoot), skateboarders like Chris Fragale, freshman, spend up to four hours daily practicing in the summer.

Mark Watson, junior, likes it best when barefooting because "You can feel the board better."

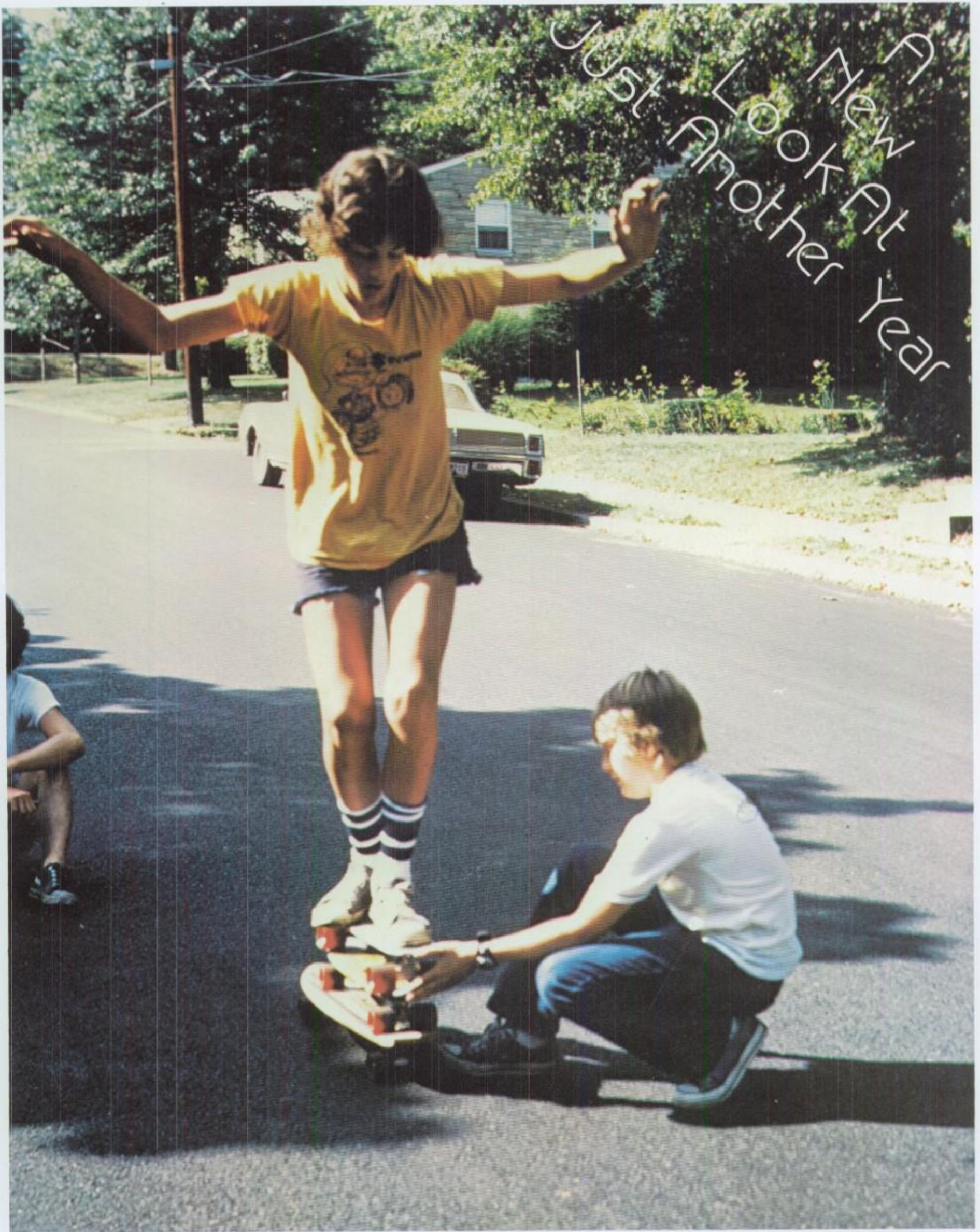
Most participants skateboard not only for the fun of it, but also because of the skill that is involved learning to turn at sharp angles, balance on two hands, or jump over ramps. For some, the skill had gone beyond just coasting on two feet. Chuck Meredith and Watson, juniors, have mastered the stunt of handstands on wheels while Fragale attempts to use two or three skateboards when performing tricks.

Skateboarders from this area admit they got the idea of skateboarding from the beach where the fad started. Favorite spots included A & P and FSC parking lots, Eighth Street and Benoni Avenue, and several driveways.

Balancing on a kick turn, Chuck Meredith, junior, shows off his skill at the Marion County Armory during the skateboarding tournament held last July.

Racing against the clock, Doug Steele, freshman, completes his slalom run. There were approximately 25 participants in this tournament.

Performing the technique "cristie" is Mike Niezgoda, sophomore. He has been riding a skateboard for one year.



A trick on stacked skateboards is attempted by Chris Fragale, freshman. Helping him perform this act is Tony Delligatti, freshman.

Waiting for the morning bell to ring while hanging around Lincoln are Dean Fragale, senior; Stanley Skarzinski, sophomore; and Tom Clyde, junior.

Foreign language classes require a lot of research. Reading a report that she wrote for her Spanish class Roxanne Gardi, freshman.



Can ducks go to school? Tony Lauderback and Buck Osborne, seniors, take a toy duck for a walk down the hall.

Lunch time is the time to end that morning hunger and to talk with friends. Eating in the cafeteria are Denise Nickel, Mindy Nickel, and Dodie Stoneking.

5 Days Makes One Week



8 p.m., Aug. 18. Freshmen Orientation. For 295 freshmen, Orientation Day began two weeks earlier than in years past, yet the format remained the same: a warm welcome by the student body officers and administration, a tour of the classrooms, and a reception of cookies and punch on the Senior Court.

7:45 a.m., Sept 6. First day of school. Adjusting once again to the early hours, tardy bells, and report cards, upperclassmen returned to short sleeve shirts and Dr. Scholl's sandals to face the cluttered halls, locker mix-ups, and schedule hassles. Still battling the hot weather, students arrived in homeroom, which became a daily routine, to sweat out the arrival of a new absence policy. Lunch time arrived finally. Students swarmed to the Back Drive or rushed to the long lines in the cafeteria for the regular spaghetti on Wednesday and pizza on Friday.

2:15 p.m., Sept 9. Thank Goodness It's Friday. The sixth period bell rang to end the first week of school. Students tried to remember locker combinations, figured out what books to take home and then hurried to buses. To think one week of school had already passed and there were only 35 more to go was depressing. But the students forgot that and thought about what to do on the weekend. By then, even the freshmen knew that 5 days made one week.

Game nights break up those monotonous school days. Getting refreshments at halftime at a basketball game are Frances Alvaro and Troy Mezzanotte, sophomores.

Just Another Year

Unity Ball Court consists of Sharon Brown, queen; Sharon Hinton, maid-of-honor; Ophearl Jones, princess; Jessie Mae Wills, senior attendant; Robin Mickens, junior attendant; Donna Jean Payne, sophomore attendant; and Lucy Brown, freshman attendant.

Spirit Court members are Lori Dodge, second runner-up; Toni Parker, first runner-up; and Tammy Hayhurst, queen.



Nights filled with loud bands, boutonnieres, and boogieing took the place of school worries for three evenings when dances were held Nov. 5, April 29, and May 6. Among the glitter balls and coronation backdrops, three queens and their court members reigned.

The annual Spirit Dance, featuring the band "Sassy," turned into a victory celebration as students packed into the gym just hours after the football team upset Herbert Hoover. The dance with the theme "On and On" was planned by members of the Spirit Club. Gibbs Davidson, Steve Smith, and Jim Fetty were escorts.

Undergoing changes, prom was held in April instead of the traditional May with two additional court members. The Junior Class was unable to sponsor a Junior Carnival, but prom was still held, using the theme "Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

"Loves Holiday" served as the theme for Unity Ball, the last formal dance. The Black Culture Society sponsored this event.

Courts of Sorts



Home Court princesses are Shelley Rombola, queen; Susan Hlebinsky, Betsy Talbott, Karen Mercer, Mary Anne Blankenship, Dawn Straight, Robin Prenergast, Pam Cheslock, Louise Little, Lori Garcia,

Martha Nickolich, Beth Meredith, Lori Mason, Mary Pat Wilson, and Amy Bruce, maid-of-honor. The two top vote getters were Shelley Rombola and Amy Bruce.

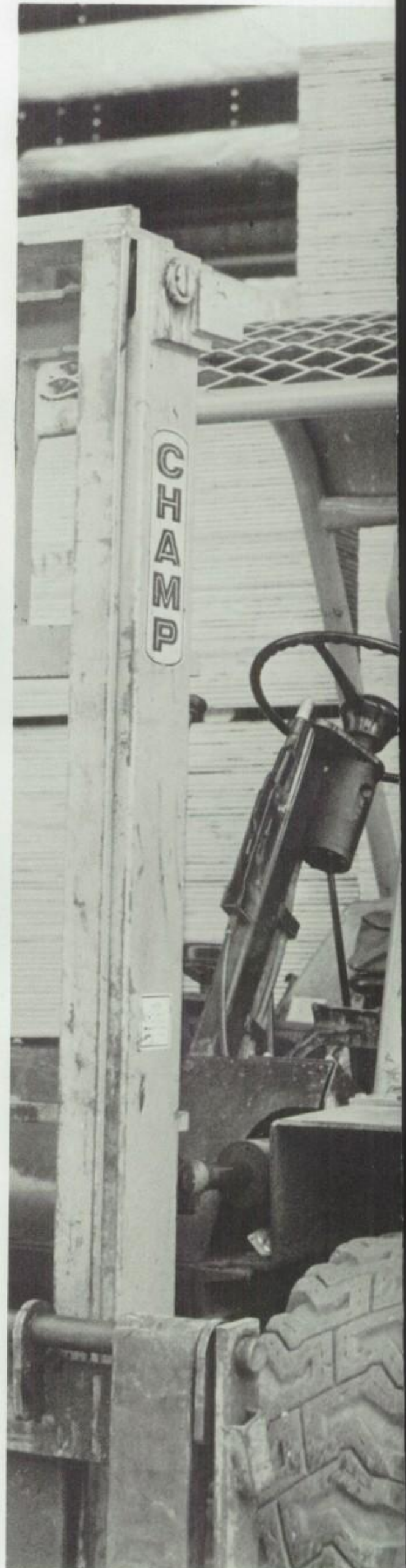


Punching 2 Clocks

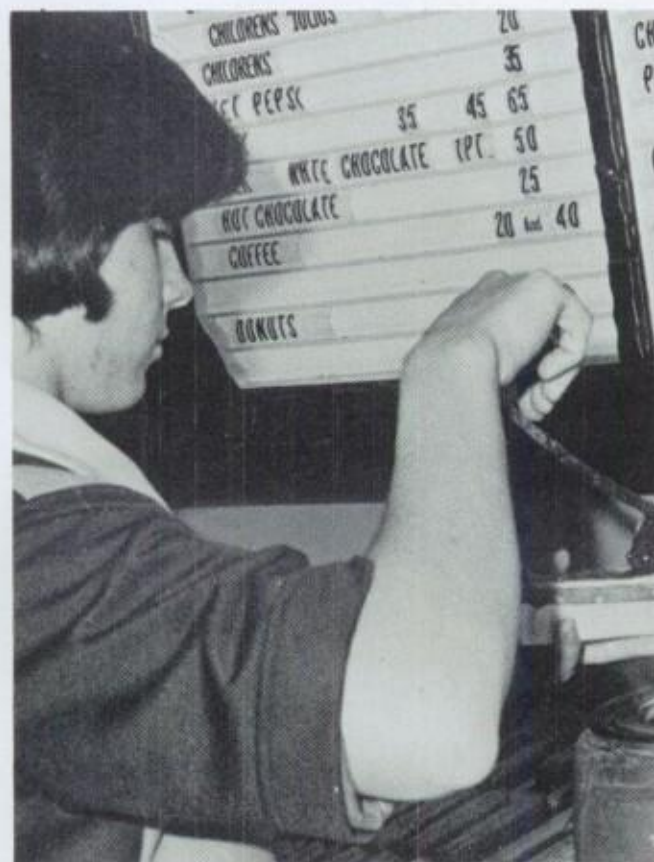


At work Cathy Lewis, senior, meets new people. She spent approximately 30 hours a week at Tom McAnn's in order to build up her bank account.

Stepping off the fork lift at Brown's Lumber, Mike Rowe, senior, ends a day of work hauling lumber and other materials.



Just Another Year



Balancing schedules and shuffling work hours while still having to meet homework demands was what faced most high school students who held jobs. The morning after came a little too soon for those who had spent the night before preparing orders of pizzas or pumping gallons of gas. Though the disadvantage seemed to outweigh the advantages, 40 per cent of the student body held jobs.

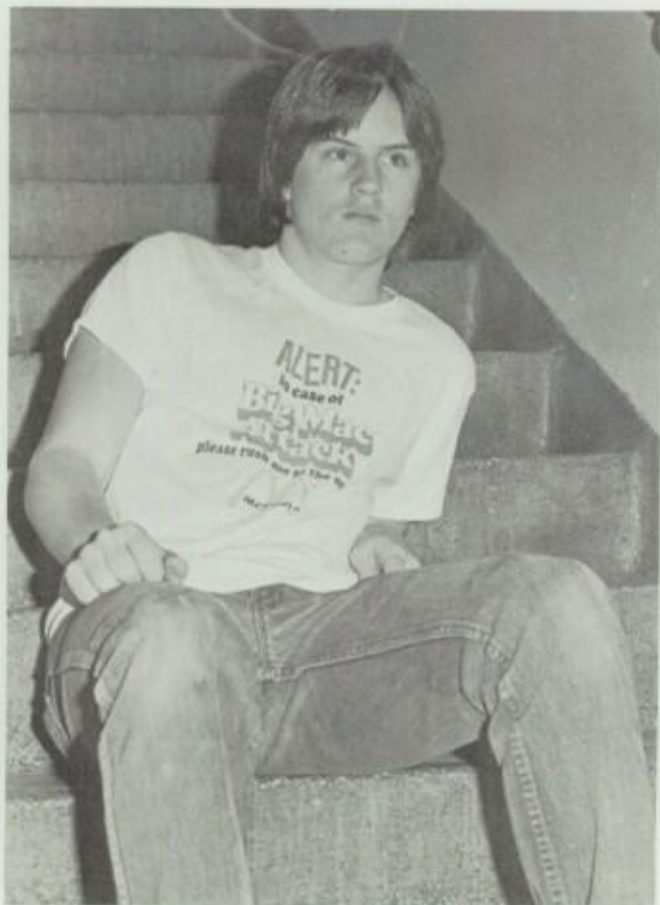
Whether to earn a few extra bills or to solve a financial bind, the part-time employee cashed in on a paycheck of about \$40 to \$50 a week. For some whose work extended beyond part-time, mostly upper classmen, the intake increased up to \$100 a week.

A variety of students said they began work in the summer as lifeguards, fast-food service workers, grass cutters, and lumber yard employees.



Using a little skill to prepare a hot dog at Orange Julius, Don Reed, junior, is just one of the students who found employment at a fast food store.

To keep their cars running Frank Sowers and Rick Sestito slave at Revco stocking shelves, helping customers, and closing the store at night.



In the event of a Big Mac attack, Tim Haley, sophomore, wears his McDonald's shirt.



A light pink and blue shirt by the Love's Cosmetic Company is worn by Debbie Soles, junior.

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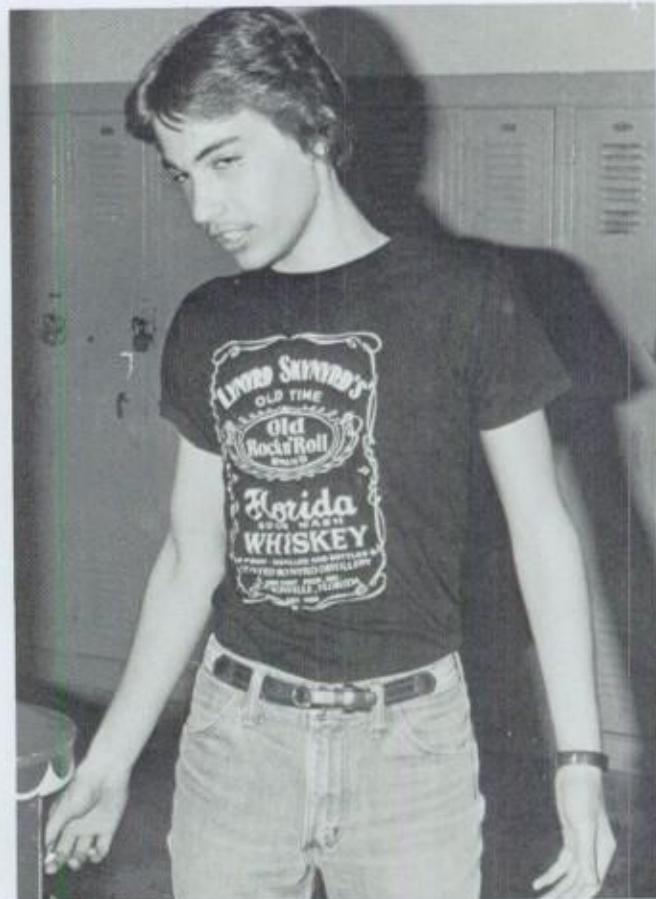
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Clad in white shorts and a No. 1 jersey, Mr. Charles Snyder, science teacher, cheers in a teacher's skit at an assembly.



In gym class, Shari Retton displays "Threads Ahead" while Kelly Smouse shows a gift from Myrtle Beach.



Displaying his favorite t-shirt naming the group Lynyard Skynyrd, is John Prendergast, sophomore.



Doing her own thing is Terri Cavallo, senior, with her own personal "Top Cat."

While not required, most students wore the school uniform: jeans and t-shirts, t-shirts, and more t-shirts. They advertised everything from "foxy ladies" and rock groups to favorite beverages and some things not fit to print.

Some were custom made for students here in town or at the beach with their own name or personal saying on them. Big hits with the guys were Farrah Fawcett-Majors t-shirts and ones with cars and cycles.

The craze swept over the school as No. 1 Bear shirts, Fairmont Senior jerseys, and yearbook and newspaper rainbow shirts were seen everywhere.

No, the uniform was not mandatory. If it had been, no one would have worn it.

A Sign Of

Fashion is a reflection of the times. If that statement is true, then '78 will go down as a year reflecting blue jeans, boots, ski jackets, shaws, stickpins, and cow necks.

The most durable and long-lasting style seen on 9 out of 10 teenagers was the blue jean. Whether corduroy, straight-legged, high waisted, or tied at the ankles—blue jean it was.

Dress up clothes included skirts slit at the

hem, silky blouses with bow ties, and tunics draped to the knees. Shaws were worn over the shoulder. Angora cow necks were accented by stickpins which became the rage. Styles like initialed stickpins, heart-shaped stickpins, and jewel-studded stickpins were seen everywhere. Worn on a lapel or through a cow neck, the stickpin served no special purpose, but a fashionable one.

Denim wasn't lent just to jeans alone, but also to gauchos, vests, and coat jackets. Stitched in gold or applied with contrasting material, the blue jean material never ran out of uses. A reasonable priced pair of jeans ran anywhere from \$16 to \$25.

Jeans still held their purpose of something to lounge around in. Wranglers, Lees, and Levis were the most pop-

A flowery print accompanied by boots gives a dressy, but casual look to Donna McDowell, senior.



Stepping into fashion is Donna Jean Payne, junior, in her shaw, shirt, cow neck and boots.



Parkas and boots were not only worn by guys like Buddy Anderson, junior, but girls wore the unisex boots too.



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ular types of jeans.

For these whose taste went beyond pants, dresses came in all types and styles. The soft peasant look appealed to most girls. Gathered sleeves, ruffled hemlines, and flowery prints patterned the peasant dress.

Skirts hit a high popularity with the hemlines slit open at the knee and slash pockets on the sides. Skirts came in

plaid, wool, and cotton materials. Also the return of the thin belt accompanied most waistlines.

Winter clothing solved the weather problem as students bundled in colorful ski jackets, full capes, heavy shoe boots, and an assortment of leather coats and jackets.

Boots not only served their usual purpose, but also followed a stylish foot trend. Cowboy boots lined with fur remained

popular. Other footwear brands ranged from Agner leathers to Bass wedgies.

Accessories made additions to any fashion. Felt hats flopped on heads while others carried big, roomy purses and initialed keychains. Coin purses were worn around the waist or shoulder. Some girls even had double pierced ears donned with two pairs of earrings.

The European boot of Robin Spitznogle, senior, hit Fairmont after her purchase of them in London.



Ski jackets were made to ski in, but Janie Cox, freshman, wears hers to keep warm.



Down to earth is Brenda Nunez, sophomore, in her suede hat, poncho, and jeans. The look was very popular among the girls.



Snowed In Again

Unexpected snowfall and freezing temperatures once again created havoc across the east and locally. With 30.25 inches total snowfall in January, the words "There will be no school in Marion County," by T.J. Pearse were heard 11 times.

This created a joy for most students who immediately took to the sleds and slopes. Bundled figures were seen sliding down icy roads and hills on everything from innertubes to sleds, while brightly colored toboggans and jackets dotted the ski slopes. Skiing seemed to take its first major role in the area when many students and teachers tried their luck with slick skis, frozen poma lifts and sub-zero temperatures. Among the most popular ski areas were Alpine, Caanan, Chestnut Ridge, and Snowshoe, all in West Virginia, and the WISP in Maryland.

Yet, through all these thrills, the chills still continued. The urgency of the storm be-

Layers of frost create much hassle on cold mornings as Sharon Eddy, senior, finds when she attempts scraping her car windshield.

Another cancelled school day lets Don Reed, junior, fly high on the hills of Fairmont while sled riding in the deep snow.

came apparent to the students later when they had to dig their way out of their homes, and were no longer allowed to drive. Then all extra-curricular activities were cancelled. The snowfall became a community concern when businesses, including the theater and McDonalds, closed and all ages began clearing the streets, walks, and roofs with shovels. Many were isolated in their homes, cars would not start, and pipes froze and burst bringing disaster to many families. "I wish we had a four-wheel drive," perhaps became the most popular quote of the season.

Due to the prolonged miner's strike, an energy shortage also created chaos in the community and state. It forced Monongahela Power Company to propose an energy conservation plan that was supported by Governor Jay Rockefeller. The plan urged residences and businesses to turn out lights, lower thermostats, and cut down hours.

Whether slipping and sliding down the hills of Fairmont or up in the mountains skiing, winter '78 was sure great, but all that snow definitely created quite a blow.



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12 inches of snow give Tommy Nickolich, sophomore, an extra job and a new view as he shovels snow off his neighbor's roof.

Steep slopes and soft powder provide Todd Copley, sophomore, with the chance to practice his parallel and "hot dog" skiing techniques.

That's Entertainment

We got to know singer Christie McVie, the group Foreigner, and vocalist Andrew Gold. We heard from blonde Suzanne Summers, comedian Steve Martin, and Star War's Artoo Deetoo. It was a year of new television series like "Soap," "Three's Company," and "The Love Boat." And a year covered with movies like "Saturday Night Fever," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and "The Goodbye Girl." We listened to Peter Frampton's "I'm in You" and "Easy" by the Commadores.

It too was a year of losses with the deaths of "Chico and the Man's" Freddie Prinze, Bing Crosby, and the King of Rock and Roll Elvis Presley.

The ever-present media was heard all day long: we played albums till they bounced off the walls. Riding in the car, we tuned in our favorite radio station or put in an 8-track tape. At home, the television always blared as people watched soap operas in the afternoon. Weekends were the time for viewing movies. At dances or concerts, the music came alive and got louder than ever. Why the demand? Entertainment.

Music. As the demand for music grew, the prices also upped. An ordinary album cost anywhere from \$5 to \$10 with 8-track tapes costing \$7 and up.

Early in the year, album favorites included "I'm in You" by Peter Frampton, "Songs in the Key of Life" by Stevie Wonder, and "Boston" by Boston. The group Foreigner caught the attention of the media with its hit "First Time" and the follow-up of "Cold as Ice." The most talked about and biggest selling album of the year



Taken over by the Star Wars phenomenon Bruce Ryder, senior, reads about the science fiction movie in "People" magazine.

was Fleetwood Mac's "Rumors." "Dreams," "You Make Lovin' Fun," and "Rhiannon" made up the hit cuts that kept "Rumors" on top of the charts the longest.

Pop Rock was dominated by one big star—Barry Manilow. His mellow voice accompanying love songs spread greatly. "Looks Like We Made It," "Daybreak," and "Can't Smile Without You" were his hits. Following in his brother's footsteps, Shawn Cassidy placed on the charts with his remake of "Da Do Ron Ron." Miami disco band K.C. and the Sunshine Band continued to "shake" charts.

Newcomers Andy Gibb and Debbie Boone hit Number One spot on their first tries with "I Just Want to be Your Everything," and "You Light Up My life," respectively. England Dan and John Ford Coley reached popularity as a duo.

The Commadores, Dennis Williams, Dorothy Moore, Natalie Cole, and the group Confunction headed the blue's chart. Earth, Wind, and Fire released their fifth album "All in All" and it became an immediate success.

Country Pop star Dolly Parton gained much popularity for her music as well as her form. Rita Coolidge and Kenny Rodgers also performed country music. Rodger's "Lucille" was the top country single of the year. With overtones of the country sound, Linda Ronstadt remained as the best female vocalist and the Eagles as the leading group.

In Rock, Electric Light Orchestra returned to modern music.



Deciding what to view on Home Box Office, the latest trend in television, is Allison Cooke, freshman.



Taking a break, Francis English, senior and Renee Holaway, junior, listen to a tape in the gym at lunch.

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Also with a classical touch was the tour-packing group Kansas.

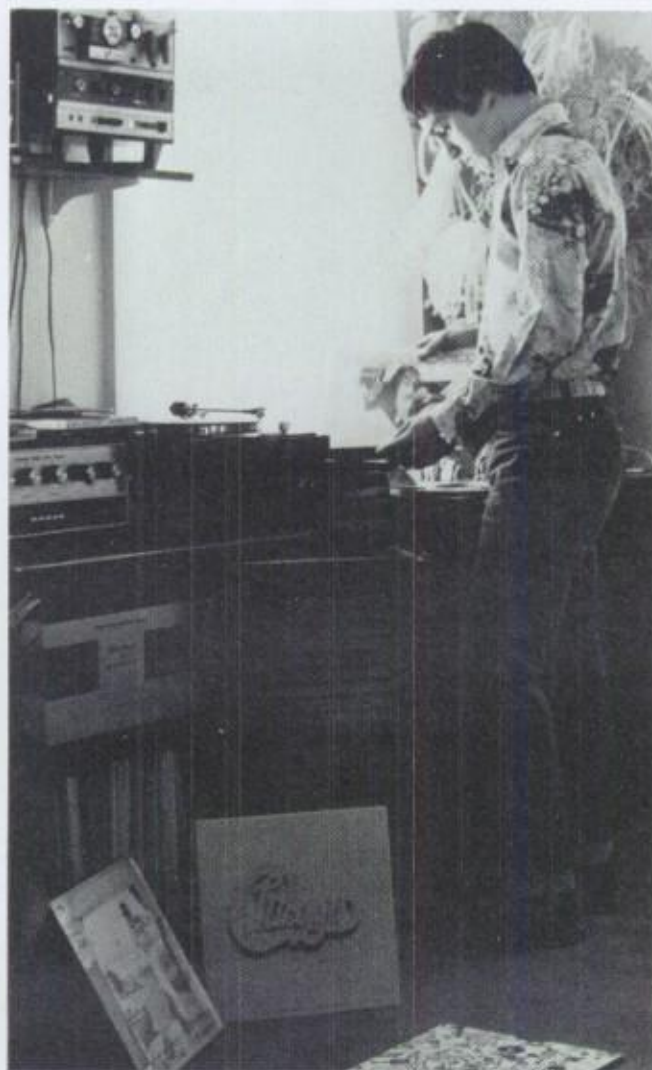
Lynnard Skynnard's plane crash in November of '77 added a sad note to the music scene. The group's final album was ironically named "Street Survivors."

While England's Queen Elizabeth was celebrating her Silver Jubilee, other "countrymen" showed their patronage through music in quite a contrary fashion. The rebellious movement of these groups of musicians formed the start of "punk rock" in England which slowly seeped into the U.S. Singers like Johnnie Rotten and groups like The Sex Pistols became known for their repetitive sounds and grotesque stage conduct.

Television. Long-time shows like "All in the Family," "Starsky and Hutch," and "Barney Miller" remained high in the Neilson ratings. Hits like "Soap," "Three's Company," and "The Love Boat" sparked the new season.

Family shows contained 2 strong points in "Eight is Enough" and "Family" in its second season. Yet, other shows like "Soap," the night time saga of a family of 10 members, required parental discretion.

T.V. also had those who parted from the screen. Mary Tyler



With the right stereo equipment, Mike Wood, senior, listens to his collection of albums and 8-track tapes.

Moore left the air after eight years while Farrah Fawcett-Majors quit being an "angel" for Charlie halfway through the season.

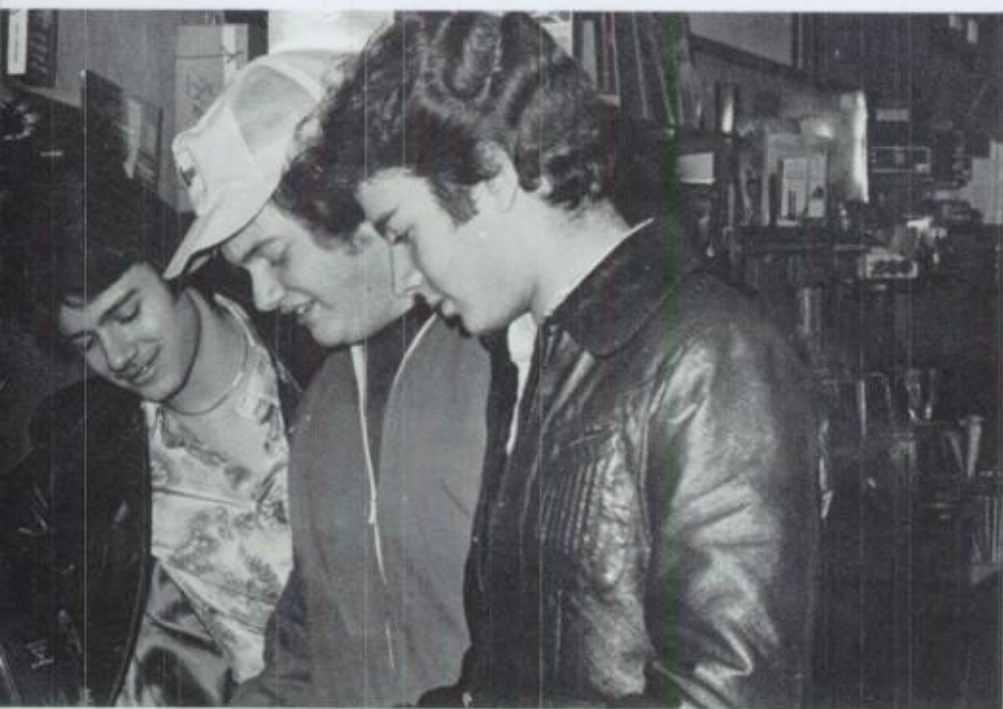
Movies. "Star Trek" fans and science fiction lovers stood in lines to pay \$2.50 for a ticket to see the two most talked about films: "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Playwright Neil Simon brought romance back to the screen in his hit "The Goodbye Girl." Burt Reynolds and Kris Kristofferson team up for a flick about two football players in "Semi-Tough." Ballet stars found themselves as actors in such films as "Valentino" and "The Turning Point."

An instant favorite among students became "Saturday Night Fever," starring the 70's heart throb John Travolta as a dropout whose life revolves around the disco scene in New York City.

If ever there was a year for popular movie sound tracks—this was the year. The craze started with the "Star Wars" theme and moved through the music of the Bee Gees in "Saturday Night Fever" to Debbie Boone's "You Light Up My Life." And the list went on and on.

The Media. We flipped its dial, we turned its channel, and we viewed it from the screen. Why such a demand? Entertainment.



Looking for their favorite albums at Camelot are Anthony Finamore, junior, Pat Taylor, East Fairmont senior, and David Finamore, junior.



Previewing "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" at the Fairmont Theater are Todd Waronicki and Jamie Feltz, freshmen.

BEHIND THE SCENE

The first to come and the last to leave. Who were they? They were the people not seen everywhere who made the school run smoothly.

Those who picked up absence slips and brought little blue messages to tell people their mother called were office assistants Belinda Boord, Roslyn Daristotle, Gloria Douglas, Rose Gerba, Janice Grubb, Gina Guzzo, Rhonda Hunt, Kelly Lemley, Donna Merrifield, Vanessa Smallwood, and Karen Thompson.

Counselors' assistants Margie Bradshaw, Jody Bowers, Cathy Wright, Melanie Davis, Lori Hales, Bonnie Parks, Lori Pizatella, Margie Smith, Robin Spitznogle, and Dodie Stoneking were the people who helped plan Career Day and brought teachers' black books to them.

Stan Prudnick assisted by Tony Evans along with Mrs. Vicki Weber made assemblies run smoothly by knowing just when to open the curtain and which light on the board to flick.

Bobby Bosley, Rita Curry, Carol Duskey, Anne Marie Fanto, Sharon Heck, John Jackson, Mary Moore, Wendy Shimer, Donna Steele, and Roberta Talbert were the library assistants who helped find books and check slips.

Behind the scene—no credit—but nice to have around.

For a change, picture taker Jeff Straight, junior, is photographed. Jeff took approximately 4,000 snapshots throughout the year.

Issuing overdue book slips, Roberta Talbert, senior, performs one of her many duties, as a library assistant.

Checking absences, Carla Minico, sophomore, spends one period a day working in Assistant Principal Lou Julian's office.

Extinguishing the remains of the bonfire held during Homecoming Week is Principal John D. Tennant. Student Council sponsored this activity.

Ticket taker Mrs. Jo Lawson, English instructor, exchanges sophomore John Wallman's cash for a ticket at a home game.

Lending a hand in the cafeteria is Larry Miles, senior.



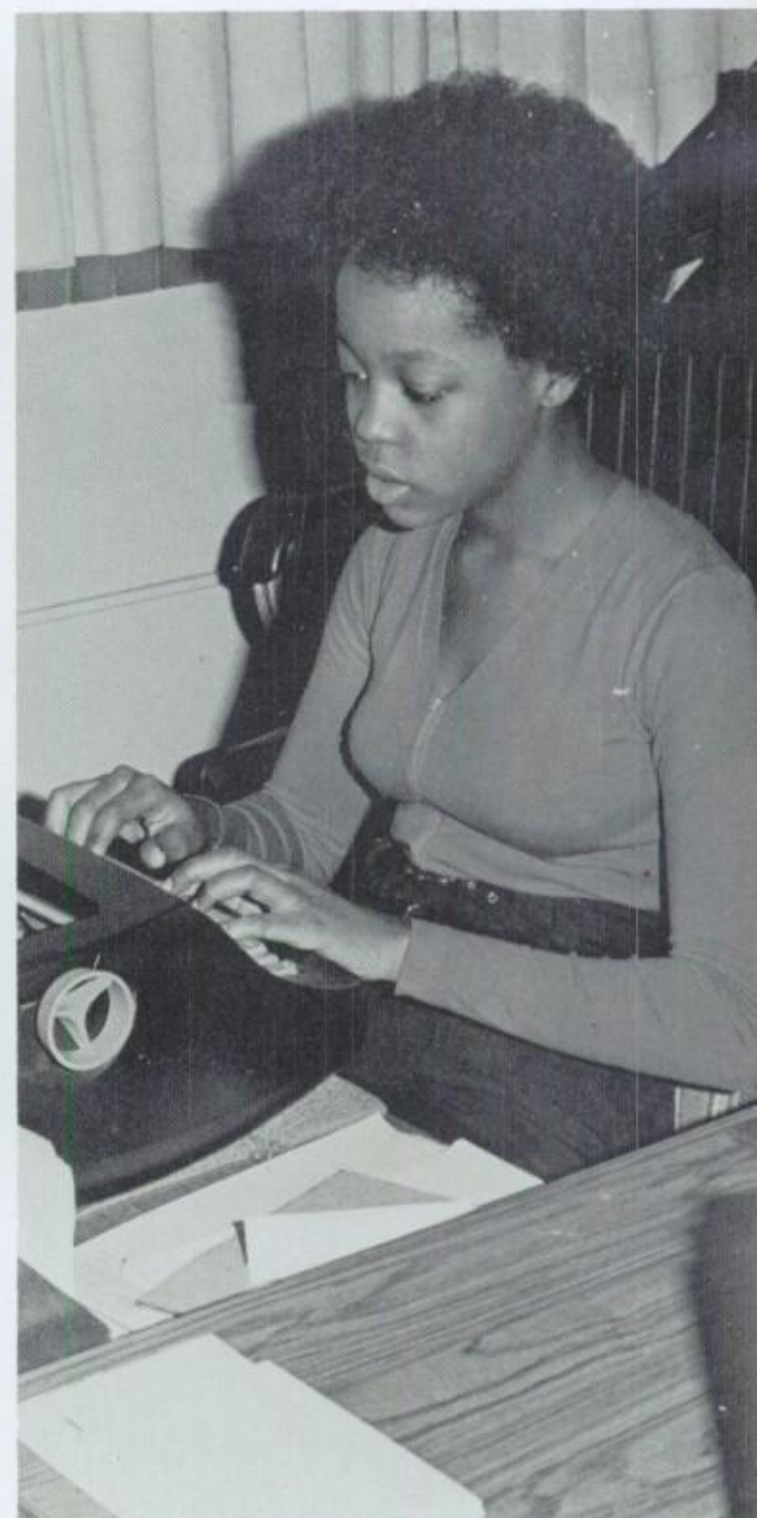
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Over the loud speaker Jim Marshall, sophomore, introduces the teams at all home basketball games.

Each with a special role, members of the production staff Ellen Glazer and Judy Simmons, sophomores; Lee Brown, junior; Rose Ierace and Jody Saunders, sophomores; Sharon Iaquina and Ronnie Board, seniors; Jim Schulte, sophomore; and Mindy Sherbs and Kendra Stingo, juniors; add the finishing touches to some scenery.

Adding extra hours at the typewriter, Lynn Douglas, sophomore, works daily in the office after school.





The hottest spot, McDonald's, was the place to be after games. Cindy Kincell, sophomore, Becky Pileggi and Karen Mercer, seniors, and Liz Critchfield and Debbie Julian, sophomores, stop for a Coke.

The Freshman Building parking lot fills to the brim as the Homecoming bonfire blazes before members of the student body.



Hottest of the Hot Spots



"Let's do something exciting tonight. I feel like getting crazy."

"Let's go see who's hangin' at Mac's."

"Wanna catch John Travolta in 'Saturday Night Fever,' then go to Pizza Hut?"

"Where's 'Knuckle' playing tonight?"

Weekends. 52 in a year. Though only lasting two and one-half days, the activity covered a week's span of time. Pool halls, movies, ball games, parties, and skiing helped to fill the 120 hours. Most students spent their free time looking for the hottest of the hot spots.

Drive-ins, always a big hit, saw students piled in cars and even trunks to spend a summer evening listening to the crackling speakers, watching the blurry screens, and tooting their car horns.

The popularity of McDonald's grew with all the post-game activity centered on the corner of Tenth Street.

For a change of pace, some students traveled to the Wheeling Civic Center to hear "Kiss" in January while others viewed "Emerson, Lake, and Palmer" in concert at the WVU Coliseum in March.

Football games give students something to cheer about and a place to unite as the student body gathers at East-West Stadium.

Yann's hot dogs and chocolate milk supply the lunch-time meal for Brett McClain, Mitch Vingle, Jim Fetty, Dave Hannah, Mike Burdoff, and Johnnie Joe Mentus.



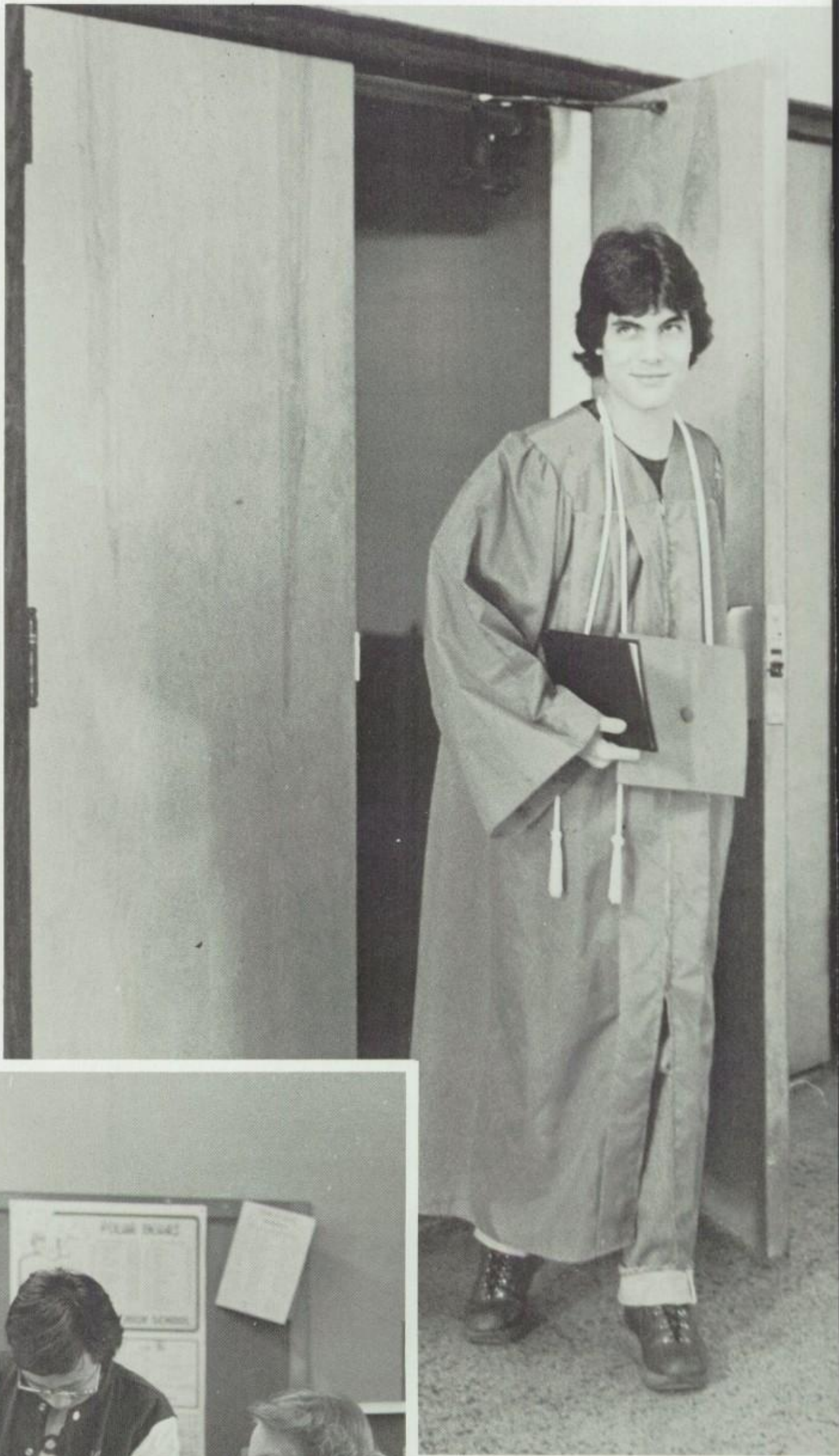
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After 12 years of education, that one special moment finally hit 236 graduating seniors—it was the moment when they wanted to go back and do it one more time, but instead had to face the question, "What next?"

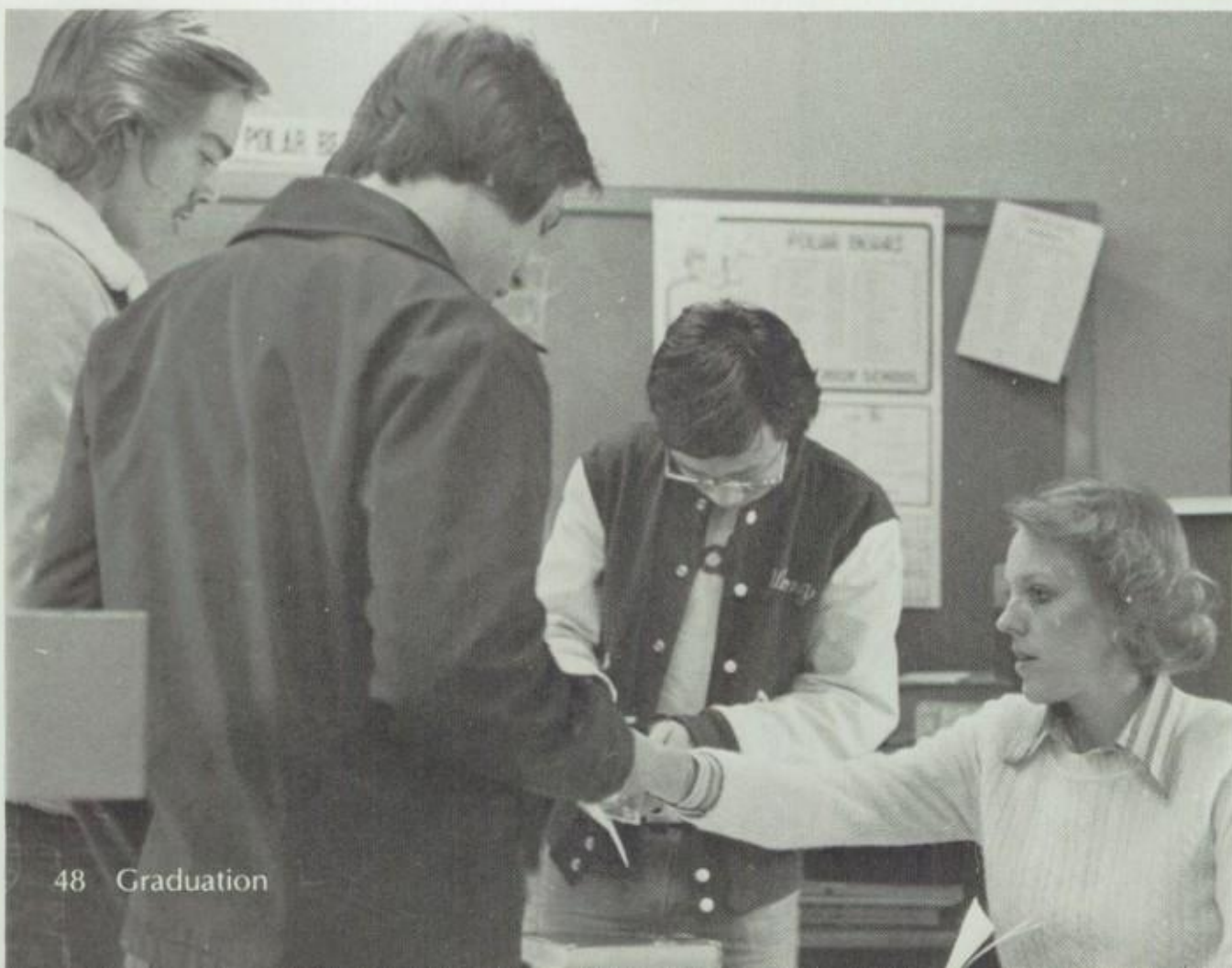
For some, it was a time to remember accomplishments athletically and academically; for others, it was a time to recall friendships with special people; for all, it was a time to realize it was the last time.

Graduation, usually held in the auditorium, was voted to be changed to East-West Stadium by a close count in a Senior Class meeting in November. After being fitted for caps and gowns and sending cards and announcements, those who accumulated 190 credits dared to walk across the stadium track June 6 to receive their diploma and begin their "next life."

At the top of the academic list, Kay Dunnavant and Debbie Crites were named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. For most students, the dictionary was the only place where graduation fell before work.

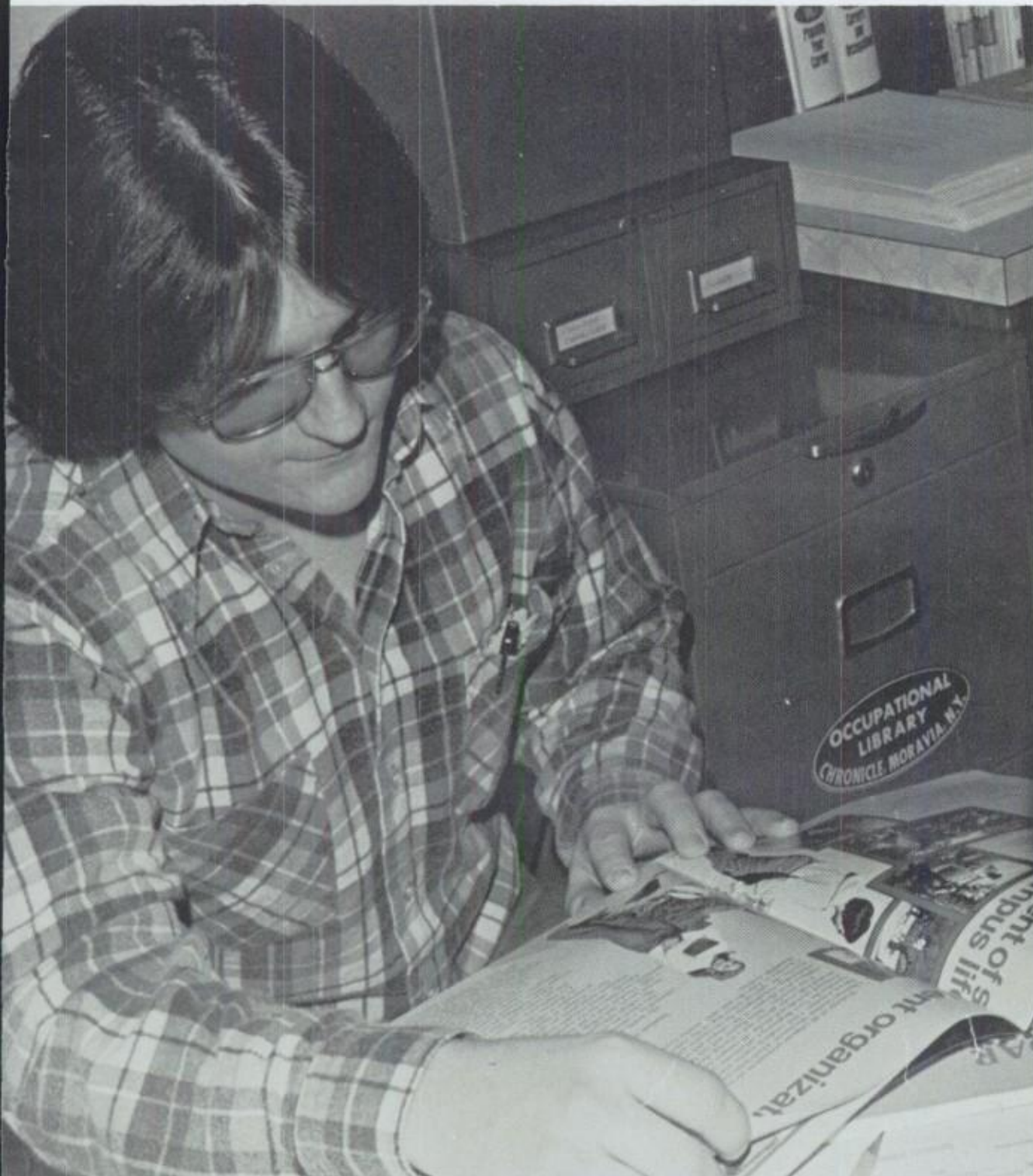


The last step out of the auditorium faces Rick Sestito as he leaves after recognition ceremony.



Trading cash for cards, Miss Sally Conaway, senior homeroom teacher, takes orders from Robbie Newcome, Joey Nagy, and Mike Shan.

The Final Lap



Future planning plays a major role as Dennis Van-Gilder discovers job outlooks while looking over senior magazines.



Taking the giant step, Ann Frank chooses a college with the help of Mr. Joseph Muto, senior counselor.



Names that last are traded by Janet Henderson and Tammy Geldbaugh in the halls at lunch.

Climbing the theatrical ladder

Rosemary: "Smitty, what's the opposite of a sex maniac?"

Smitty: "A businessman."

Climbing the ladder of success gives a true "businessman" no time to fool around. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" was a musical sponsored by the Thespians and the Choraliers that centered on the life of J.P. Finch portrayed by David Smith, junior, who tried to work his way up in the firm of "World Wide Wickets" from his old business of window washing.

On his way to the top, Finch met many conflicts and found himself in the position of making many decisions. But in the end, Finch found it all worthwhile after he made it successfully to the top.

Rehearsals for the play were held each

day after school and on some weekends. There were two practices, one for music, and afterward, one for the entire production.

Members of the cast not photographed here were Debbie R. Crites, Gibbs Davidson, Cathy Figler, Wesley Martin, Tim McAteer, and Donna Merrifield, seniors; Sharon Iaquina and John Owings, juniors; Kurt Lengel, Jim Marshall, and Becky Sauro, sophomores.

Freshmen members were Mary Pat Connor, Kim Davidson, Jennifer Golden, Sue Gwynn, Tina Hanning, and Lisa Hayhurst. The book director was Mrs. Vicki Weber and Judy Simmons, sophomore, was her assistant. Musical director was Miss Joyce Flint with Donna McDowell, senior, assisting.

It's not a coffee break when office members Tod Craft, Don Reed, Denise Smith, Don Raikes, David Finamore, Margie Smith, Kim McDowell, Sharon Heck, Danette Hardman, Pam Hennen, Tracy Moore, and Shelly Vilar, find there's no coffee.

With a wink and a wiggle, Kendra Stingo, as Hedy LaRue, flaunts into the hearts of many businessmen at World Wide Wickets. Kendra portrayed an air-headed secretary who was on friendly terms with the big boss, J.B. Bigley.





It's been a long day, but Rosemary, Betsy Talbott, and Finch, David Smith, manage to make a date for dinner for two after debating the situation.

Secretaries gain office approval at World Wide Wickets as Kim McDowell, Margie Smith, Pam Hennen, Danette Hardman, Anthony Finamore, John Prendergast, Chuck Meredith, and Tony Evans sing "A Secretary is Not a Toy."

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Demanding equal rights between secretaries and office clerks are Lee Ann Manns, Frank Saporito, Liz Warren, Don Raikes, Cindy Gates, and Rick Vilar.

HOW THE WEST WAS ONE

While cheers of "We're No. 1." were ringing in the stadium, another type of silent excitement and hope crept daily through the halls and classrooms affecting over 1,100 students and 57 teachers. After catching the public's eye through sports and conduct, it didn't take long for West Siders to break their stereotype and prove that they were there and they cared.

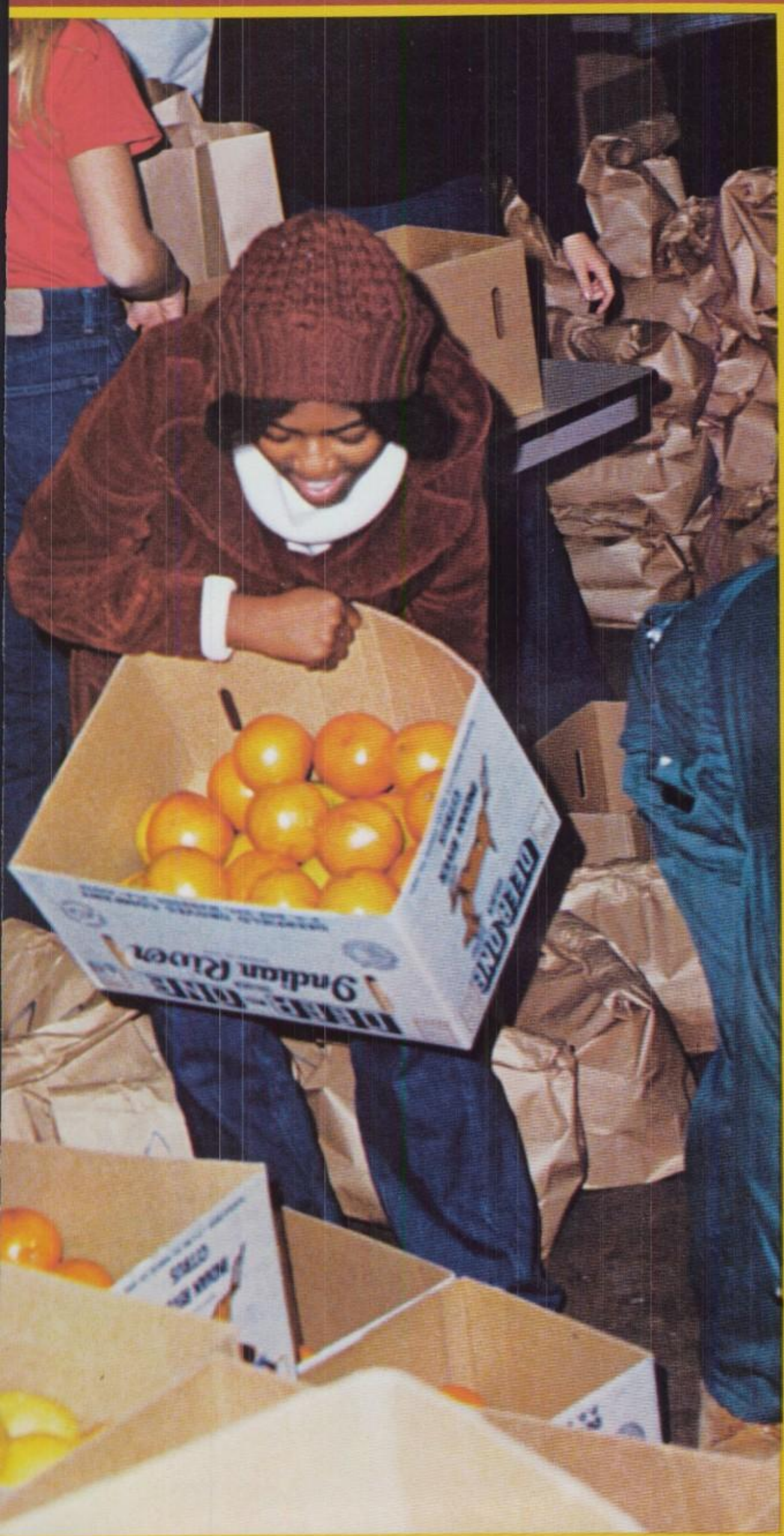
Through 19 clubs and 94 classes, the state Keywanette president and treasurer, the state Key Club Lieutenant governor, the state Student Council vice

president, the state DECA vice president, the regional winner of the Voice of Democracy contest, 6 winners of Times-West Virginian journalism awards, 4 All-State band members and 10 All-State chorus members resulted.

Sparked by the enthusiasm begun by sports, students took a new interest in their classes, especially those offered for the first time such as notehand and piano. Clubs and academics did not take a back seat, for behind the scenes was truly where the West was one.

40 pounds of Keywanette grapefruit and oranges is sorted by club member Phoenicia Butler, junior. This money-making project raised \$4,000 for a trip to King's Island.





Drawn to perfection

The 'art' of undertaking student exhibitions, decorative murals, and elaborate scenery drew students to perfection in all phases of art classes.

The 'art experience' began when the department grew so large that two teachers—Mrs. Arella Prunyi and Mr. Donald Stevens—were needed to handle the overload of students. However, Mrs. Prunyi was not new to the scene. She had instructed art a few years before at the school.

The art schedule called for much emphasis to be placed on oil painting. Ceramics, a project tackled by Art II students, and copper enameling, an Art III endeavor, rounded out the curriculum. Also, macrame was covered in all classes.

A field trip to Marietta College allowed students to see the "Mainstreams Exhibits" which focused on oil paintings and realistic art. Another trip was taken to FSC to observe seniors' artwork.

Special projects included creating Choralier concert sets, scenery design for the Baptist Temple Easter services, and student art exhibits held at the National Guard Armory and Board of Education offices. These activities helped students to perfect their art work through visual experience.



Art Club—FRONT ROW: Linda Fortney, Jamie Feltz, Mindy Sherbs, Mac DeRiggi, Debbie Wilfong, Eddie Gillette, and Dodie Stoneking; SECOND ROW: Billy Oliver, Dorothy Wilfong, Patricia Yanero, Lisa Argiro, Wendy Knisely, and Tammy Biafore; THIRD ROW: Stan Prudnick, David Lowdermilk, Scott Weaver, Monica Dublin, Lisa Yoak, Kevin Fluharty, Mr. Don Stevens, adviser, and Mike Neizgoda.

Finishing touches are added to a painting by Scott Keener, sophomore. Scott studied beginning oil painting in Art I class.



The brothers Boram, Mike and Bill, concentrate on the creation of a macrame hammock. Completion of the hammock took nine weeks.



String art requires close attention as Cynthia Bryant, freshman, Alan Dunn, sophomore, Mike Boram, sophomore, and Fred Martin, senior, see how it's done.

Student creations are examined by Patricia Yanero, freshman, and Mr. Stevens. Art classes attended several exhibitions.

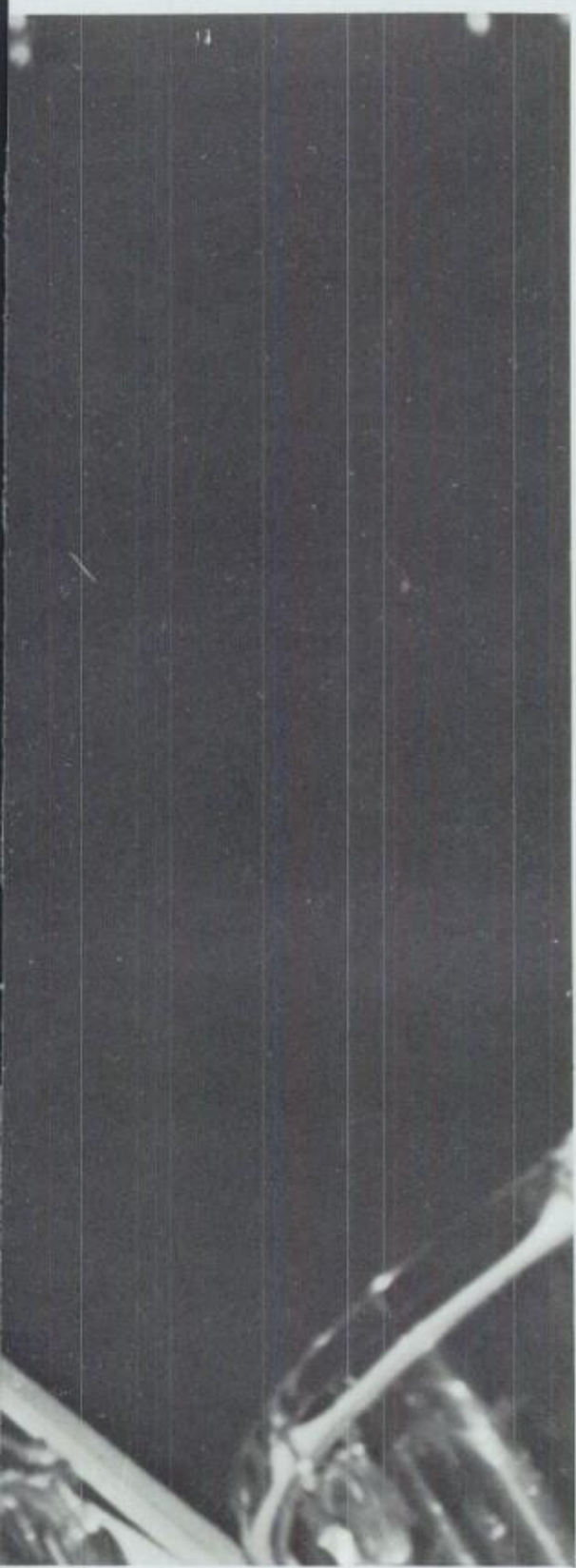
BAND



Making preparations before its appearance at the annual Band Spectacular, the band lines up to tune.

The number one sound comes alive when Blair Staud, freshman, and Brian Willis, sophomore, perform drum solos with four others to "Still the One."





As he waits for his cue, Mike Prendergast, junior, stands at attention during the Buckhannon-Upshur halftime show.

The thrill of victory is what Shelly Vilar, junior, and Joni Toothman, sophomore, experience as they embrace after the win over Bridgeport.



Making music on the run

In marching season, 105 shined shoes, survived the agony of the feet, and put together endless pieces of music for shows. And in concert season the same 105 sweated to obtain that superior rating in Clarksburg. Minus 82, the stage band, in order to survive, spent its free time practicing. Sounds like just any band? Perhaps, but to those in it, it wasn't just any ordinary band.

Someone forgot to add that all that agony was due to practicing the guillotine, pyramids, and the "Star Wars step" for the halftime show where the band stepped off to the sounds of "Rocky" and a swaying

crowd. And someone also forgot to tell that the sweat for the rating in Clarksburg was only a prelude to the practice for Mexico. Plus, that the stage band's efforts entitled the state tournament to be hosted in the auditorium in March.

Plans for all this began in the hot summer months when the band made its first imprints in the mud of Camp Caesar. After surviving sunburned noses, 20 in a room, and a foot of mud on the practice field, the first hints of a really "different show" came into view.

Entertaining at a basketball game are Tod Craft, Roger Sine, Merry Beth Oliveto, Kristi Dodge, and Ed Sine as Mr. Vingle directs.

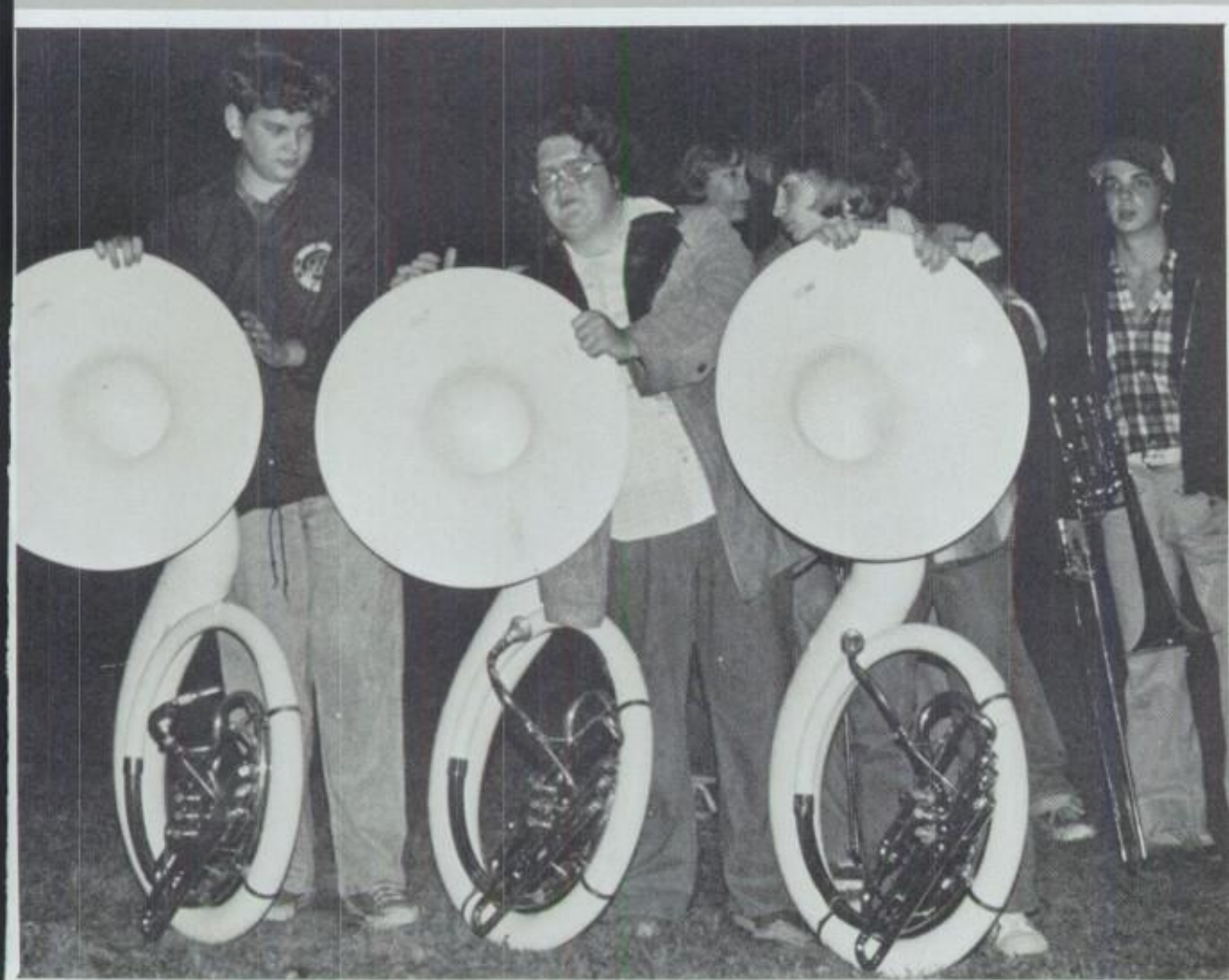
Before leaving for All-State Band Mike Wood, Lori Mason, Lori Hales, and Rita Currey, seniors, take a break. It was held in April at Morgantown.



Standing at band before halftime, Joni Toothman, sophomore, prepares to go on the field.

Marching to the sound of the "same drummer" the band crosses the field to the song "Rocky."





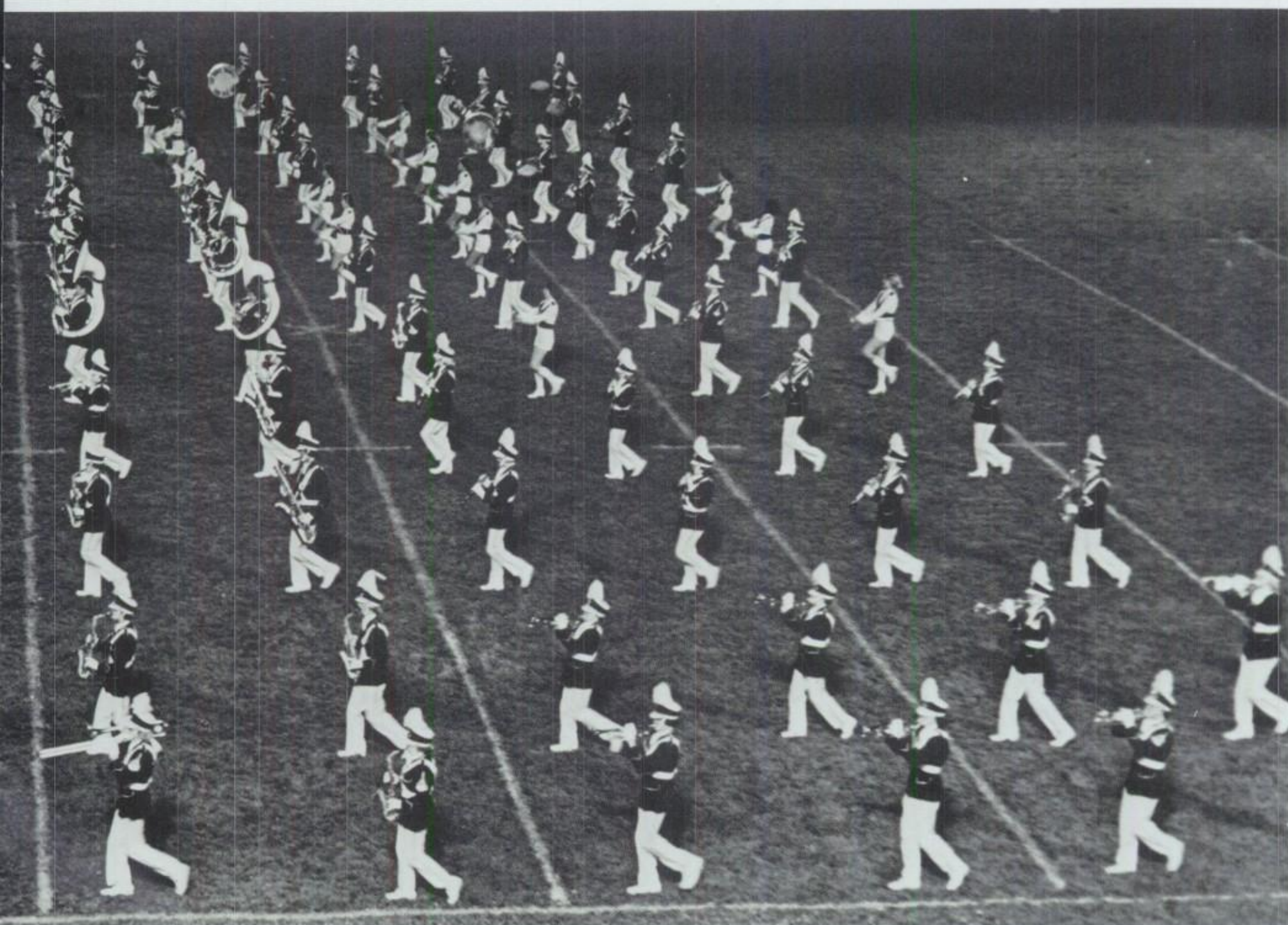
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Making music

It featured the hits "Rocky" and "Star Wars" with various styles of marching. However, it was when the guillotine and trumpet pyramid were added at the East-West game that the band felt a unique 100 per cent support. "It's the first time I've ever felt the crowd was really behind us; it made it all worthwhile," claimed Wendy Shimer, senior.

Practice, after school or in the evening in rain or shine on the black top of the Armory parking lot, paid off. When a guest conductor Mr. Bob Miller helped the band to meet its marching peak, they found themselves competing against the best bands in the East at Falls Church, Va.

Tired tuba players Frank Dzielski, freshman, Tim Funk, sophomore, and Chuck Sconish, junior, relax between numbers at the Homecoming bonfire.



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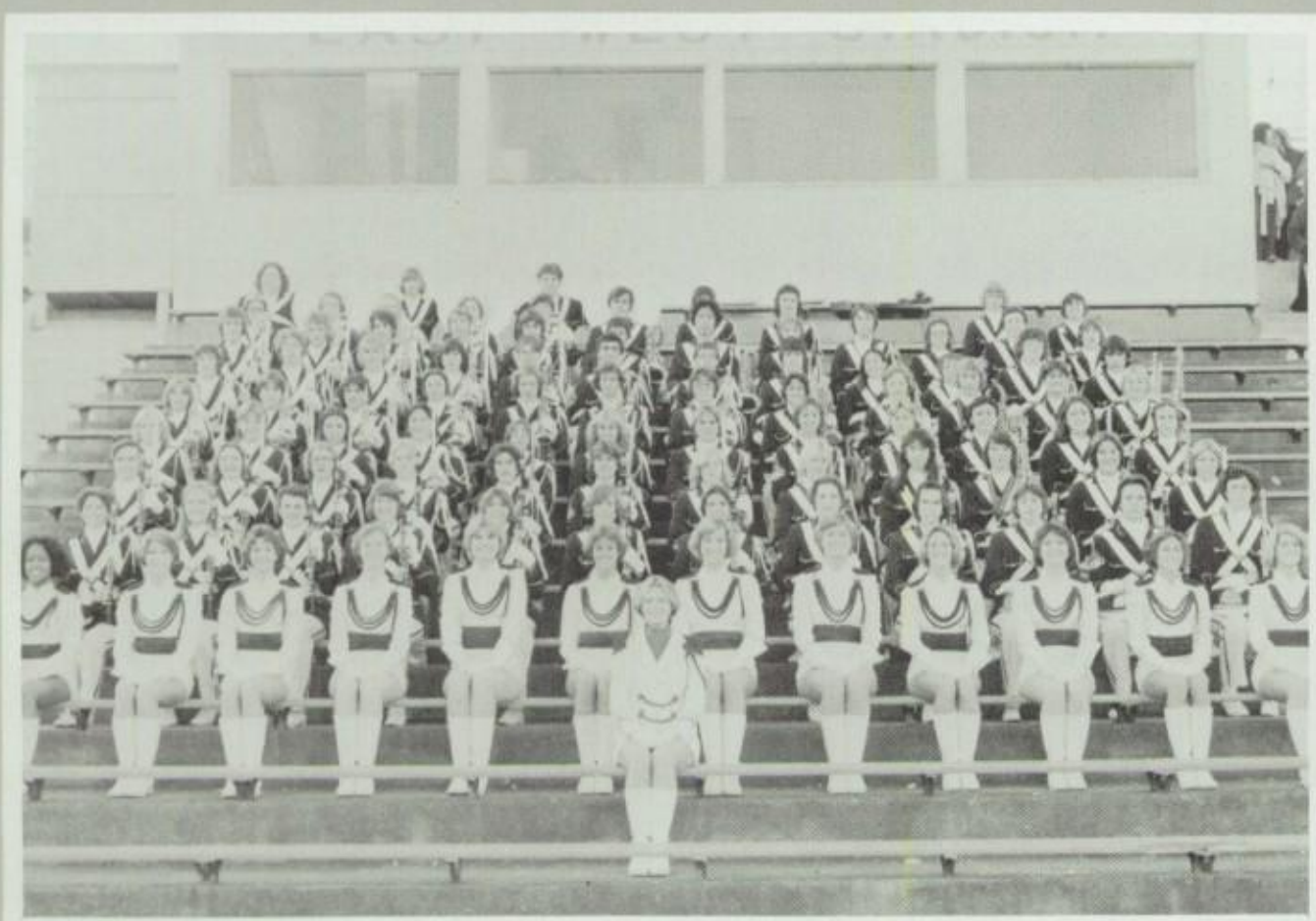
After performing at nearly every game, competitions from the Forest Festival to parades and bonfires, 105 found themselves packing away batons and hats, even though occasional traces of "Gene, Gene, the Dancing Machine" were still heard during assemblies.

Then came the "era" of stage band. Since the group consisting of 23 was not included in the regular school curriculum, all of its rehearsal took place on free time. When decked in blue and white checked shirts and navy pants, the group could be found performing everywhere from Kiwanis and the Lakeview Country Club to the Marshall Jazz Festival and state play-offs.

"Mexico here we come!" turned out to

be the motto for the winter months. The Polar Bears were asked to be one of the five bands to represent the U.S. in Mexico. After what seemed endless hours of sectionals and practice, plus the selling of everything from candles to fruit, it all came into sight. With required spring competitions and the annual Christmas and spring concerts out of the way, the band donned its uniforms and set off through the air on a 747 to "Tortillia Land."

105 grappling for watermelon in the pool at band camp, making their own decision to march in the downpour of the Forest Festival, and surviving the chills at football games were not just any band.



Band—L. Mason, drum majorette; **FIRST ROW:** D. Smith, M. Smith, D. Fonte, M. Marshall, K. Williams, M.P. Wilson, N. Charlton, T. Hollen, T. Cheslock, M. Stout, J. Toothman, and S. Vilar; **SECOND ROW:** A. Gross, K. Bundy, K. Lemley, P. Jones, L. Hales, L.A. Gerkin, C. Phillips, B. Williams, B.J. Jones, B. Culbertson, B. Mazurek, and C. Poshadel; **THIRD ROW:** B. Coleman, B. Smyton, K. Schwartz, R. Drummond, R. Gerba, R. Currey, B. Schwartz, C. Cox, M. Dunlap, M. Levendosky, S. Barnes, and B. Lauderback; **FOURTH ROW:** K. Williams, M. Rokisky, S. Nestor, T. Biafore, K. Orgil, E. Warren, A. Stephen, L. Dodge, S. Heck, J. Eskew, B. Wood, and L. Waddell; **FIFTH ROW:** D. Steele, K. Davidson, D. Vessecchia, L. Thompson, A. Cooke, K. Dodge, S. Brown, L. Chester, W. Shimer, R.

Sine, M.B. Oliveto, and M.S. Sago; **SIXTH ROW:** S. Haney, R. Stickley, S. Squires, T. Biafore, L. Yoak, M. Wood, T. McDowell, G. Bourne, C. Price, B. Staud, J. Pollock, and M. Board; **SEVENTH ROW:** J. Guido, E. Dunn, K. Lengel, E. Sine, S. Stout, T. Barlow, J. Wang, T. Romesberg, B. Vingle, K. White, C. Wilson, and B. Moody; **EIGHTH ROW:** R. Russell, B. Paknik, M. Baker, L. Paknik, R. Vilar, T. Craft, T. Haymond, A. Dunn, R. Stickley, and M. Prendergast; **NINTH ROW:** T. Funk, S. Sconish, and F. Dzielski.

Perfection is the key word as Kristi Dodge, freshman, Bill Coleman, junior, and Barbie Schwartz, sophomore, perform at the annual East-West game.





A different twist is added to the show as Linda Paknik, Rick Vilar, Steve Haney, Steve Squires, Mark Boord, Garry Bourne, Mike Wood, and Tom McDowell execute the guillotine, which received a standing ovation.



Dancing to the sound of "Best Disco" are Denise Smith, Margie Smith, Diane Fonte, Marcia Marshall, Kim Williams, Mary Pat Wilson, Nan Charlton, Terri Hollen, Terri Cheslock, Melissa Stout, Joni Toothman, and Shelly Vilar.



In the shivering temperature at Ripley, band members struggle with blankets to keep warm in the wind and cold.

Checking out the action beside him, Garry Bourne, junior, observes the Falls Church Band of Virginia at the Band Spectacular.

Minding their own business

78 typewriters, 4 duplicating machines, 25 calculators, 1 Xerox machine, and 1 IBM 29 Key Punch Machine can make a lot of noise.

When one walked by the suite of rooms 210 through 212, busy sounds were heard. Students practiced on all different types of machines to prepare themselves for the big business world around them.

However, at least once a month the students took time out for the Future Business Leaders of America Club meeting.

The club went to the regional convention in Buckhannon and returned with two winners. Karen Mercer, senior, won third place in Clerk Typist I, and Charles Stevens, junior, won second place in Business Law.

They then moved to the state competition in Huntington where Charles returned with second place. The club also attended the West Virginia University Business Education Workshop in Morgantown. Mrs. Nancy Lawler is the adviser.

Ms. Janet Matheny kept busy with the Distributive Education Club of America. The club traveled to New York for a field trip sponsored by New York Classrooms, Inc.

At state competition in Charleston, Susan Hlebinsky, senior, received first place in apparel and accessories, third place for Student of the Year, and was elected state vice president. Theresa Feltz, senior, won first in food service, and Doug Pinn, junior, placed third in Job Interview.



State convention plans are discussed by Susan Hlebinsky, senior, and Miss Janet Matheny, adviser, Susan was elected as state vice president of DECA.



DECA — FRONT ROW: Melodie Yanero, Paula Swisher, Donna Satterfield, Tammy Cervo, Pam Simmons, Linda Denniston, Bonnie Parks, Kim Blubaugh, and Miss Janet Matheny, adviser; SECOND ROW: Sandra Wix, Kathy Alltop, Vicki Sergent, Sharon Iaquina, Lori Ruoff, Theresa Feltz, Vicky Carpenter, Crystal Dawson, Garry Bourne, and Doug Pinn; THIRD ROW: Becky

Rutherford, Brian Post, Jeff Coe, Susan Hlebinsky, Jeff Riggs, Kim Williams, Rocky Wyont, Brian King, and Stan Prudnick; FOURTH ROW: George Gerau, Brad Elbon, Mark Pasquale, David Finamore, Mike Rowe, Pete Damico, Bobby Holbert, Carl Minico, Mike Perry, and Frank Sowers.



Facts and figures demand attention as Anna Mae Bell, junior, Rick Higgs, senior, Brian Post, and Kelley De-Moss, juniors, work on a bookkeeping assignment.

To improve her shorthand strokes for Miss Oliverio's class, Janet Turner, junior, practices on the board.



BLA — FRONT ROW: Sherry Christian, Kathy Clayton, Janice Grubb, Anna Mae Bell, Joyce Martin, Opheal Jones, Janet Henderson, Rhonda Hunt, and Mrs. Pat Jeffich; SECOND ROW: Donna McDaniel, Becky Smith, Theresa Feltz, Diane Fetty, Karen Mercer, Cindy Obreff, Tammy Geldbaugh, Elsie Jackson, Kim Post-

lethwait, Julie Pasko, and Tammy Hayhurst; THIRD ROW: Charles Stevens, Lewis Kincaid, Wes Martin, Rod Hoylman, Jeff Barlow, Nina Elliott, Belinda Boord, Donna Herdman, Phoenicia Butler, Liz Heine, Steve Kennedy, and Robin Mickens.



CHORALIERS

Froshaliers — FRONT ROW: Sandy Rose, Brenda Tinnell, Mark King, Barry Drake, Chris Payton, John Fluker, Tina Hanning, Amy McLaughlin, Anita Layman, and Monica Eates; SECOND ROW: Ricky Smith, Connie Figler, Donna Schwartz, Lisa Hayhurst, Sue Gwynn, Mary Ann Stingo, Cindy Gates, Melanie Boggs, Jamie Feltz, Becky Sauro, and Donna Lampkin; THIRD ROW: Mary Pat Connor, Vicky Evans, Kim Turner, Susie Yost, Richard Viglianco, Tim Tucker, Anthony Horton, Nancy Cummings, Jenny Williams, and Lynette Jones.



Singing sweetly for the Kiwanis are Donna McDowell, Cathy Figler, and Pam Hennen, seniors. The trio performed at concerts, dinners, and a luncheon.

Looking over music for the upcoming concerts are Choralier members in Miss Flint's second period class. The Spring concert was held May 26.



A silver anniversary



"Perfection, I want the best," Miss Joyce Flint, Choralier director, always told her singers as she had them try it just one more time.

Choraliers, which began 25 years ago and grew from a group of 60 to 120, staged their annual Christmas and spring concerts. At Christmas, the Choraliers, girls' trio, and boys quartet performed for the Kiwanis.

To celebrate the anniversary, Mrs. Lorraine Mason, founder of the group in 1952, guest directed "The Hallelujah Chorus" at the December event.

The two Froshalier classes met first and third periods where they learned the basics and history of music. Under the direction of Miss Melanie Stewart, FSC student teacher, they performed three selections at the Christmas concert. Choraliers, Ensemble, and Froshaliers performed in the spring concert, "We Feel a Song Coming On."

Choraliers co-sponsored the musical-comedy "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" along with the Thespians. The production was April 14 and 15 in the school's auditorium and was opened to any students who wished to participate.

Pickin' and grinnin' Frank Saporito, sophomore, rehearses his part for the song "A La Nanita." Ensemble opened the Christmas concert.



Choraliers — FRONT ROW: A. Bruce, J. McLeary, M. Smith, J. Martin, T. Wilson, S. McLaughlin, M. Mezzabelle, R. Prendergast, D.A. Prozzillo, D. Reed, J. Wolfe, J. Lewis, L.A. Satterfield, C. Miller, L. Thobois, S. Purdy, and P. Hennen; SECOND ROW: L.A. Gerkin, K. McDowell, P. Taylor, S. Bennett, A. Efaw, M. Stout, C. Figler, C. Dobreff, W. Martin, M. Wood, J. Prendergast, J. Owings, G. Bourne, S. Weaver, F. Dodds,

C. Guin, D. Pellillo, D.J. Bearden, R. Gerba, L. Storms, S. Vilar, M. Sherbs, and T. Cavallo; THIRD ROW: C. Lewis, C. Christy, D. Dzielski, K. Dunnavant, D. Fluker, D. Gower, K. Moats, P. Davis, D. Crites, K. Mercer, B. Waronicki, A. Finamore, C. Meredith, D. Smith, S. Talbott, J. Glass, G. Davidson, T. Alvaro, J. Eskew, G. Smith, S. Brown, M.P. Wilson, J. Pasko, B. Talbott, V. Plivelich, and D. Crites; FOURTH ROW: D. Soles,

K. Williams, D. Dunlap, J. Bowers, A. Wilson, S. Laughlin, T. Cheslock, A. Schneider, L. Snyder, N. Charlton, S. Eddy, B. Wills, A. Lindsay, R. Newcome, F. Saporito, A. Smith, D. Finamore, T. Craft, D. Hardman, S. Heck, D. Merrifield, C. Williams, T. Hollen, K. Stingo, M. Frazier, D. McDowell, T. Reese, and C. Wilson.

All-State — Pam Hennen, Donna McDowell, Tracy Moore, Amy Bruce, Dave Smith, Fred Dodds, Brad Waronicki, Wes Martin, and Joyce Martin.

The best sound is what Miss Flint expects at rehearsals. Before concerts, members spent every week night rehearsing.



Just clowning around are Brad Waronicki, Dave Smith, Fred Dodds, and Gibbs Davidson as they present "Nuttin' for Christmas."



silver anniversary



A selected division of Choraliers referred to as Ensemble consisted of approximately 40 members. The group displayed brightly-colored outfits which were worn during both concerts.

Ensemble members, also under the direction of Miss Flint, participated in various functions throughout the school and community. Kiwanis programs and school concerts were presented at Christmas and in the spring.

The Christmas concert, "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," featured choreography and decorative scenery. Audience participation added to the selections "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow," "We Need a Little Christmas," "A La Nanita," and "We Wish You the Merriest."

At the Spring Concert, songs included "Hey Look Me Over," and "Everybody Rejoice."

Ensemble class, a new addition to the school schedule, was held during fifth period. Accompanists for the group were Pam Hennen and Donna McDowell, seniors.

The accompanist is an important part of choral music as Pam Hennen, senior, plays for the group for her third year.



Ensemble — FRONT ROW: Tera Wilson, Jim Wolfe, Sharon Heck, Sally McLaughlin, Dave Smith, Margie Smith, Michele Mezzapelle, Shelly Vilar, and Pam Hennen; SECOND ROW: Carol Wilson, Missy Stout, Linda Storms, Betsy Talbott, Brad Waronicki, Terri Cheslock, Gretchen Smith, Don Reed, Jenny Eskew, and Cathy Figler; THIRD ROW: Debbie Crites, Gibbs

Davidson, Kay Dunnavant, Terri Hollen, Danette Hardman, Amy Bruce, Barry Wills, and Jodi Bowers; FOURTH ROW: Debbie Soles, Frank Saporito, Nan Charlton, Mike Wood, Debbie Dunlap, Donna Merrifield, Donna McDowell, Fred Dodds, Amy Wilson, and Tina Alvaro.

Making tomorrow happen today

Studying pays off for Mark Bowyer, junior, as he takes the final in Miss Pinnell's class. Semester tests were postponed twice because of snow.



"Hey, Joe! Are you planning to go to College Day next Wednesday at the school? We get out of third period!"

"No, I doubt it. I really don't go in for that stuff. Besides, I'd rather skip anyway."

"Come on, Joe, it won't be that bad. You might even learn something. You see, 17 different colleges and universities are sending representatives to give information on admission to college, financial aid, and major fields. Some of the schools attending will be Fairmont State College, Marshall University, Shepherd College, West Virginia Wesleyan, Concord, and West Virginia University. In fact, members of the National Honor Society will serve as guides for the representatives."

"Hey, that doesn't sound too bad. Maybe I'll go and check it out."

"By the way, are you gonna show up tomorrow when the freshmen and juniors have to take those tests?"

"No way! I told you once that I'm no brain."

"You don't have to be a brain to take these tests. They're the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills. See, the tests are designed for students to determine their abilities in different academic areas. The results will show counselors which students are lacking in what subjects."

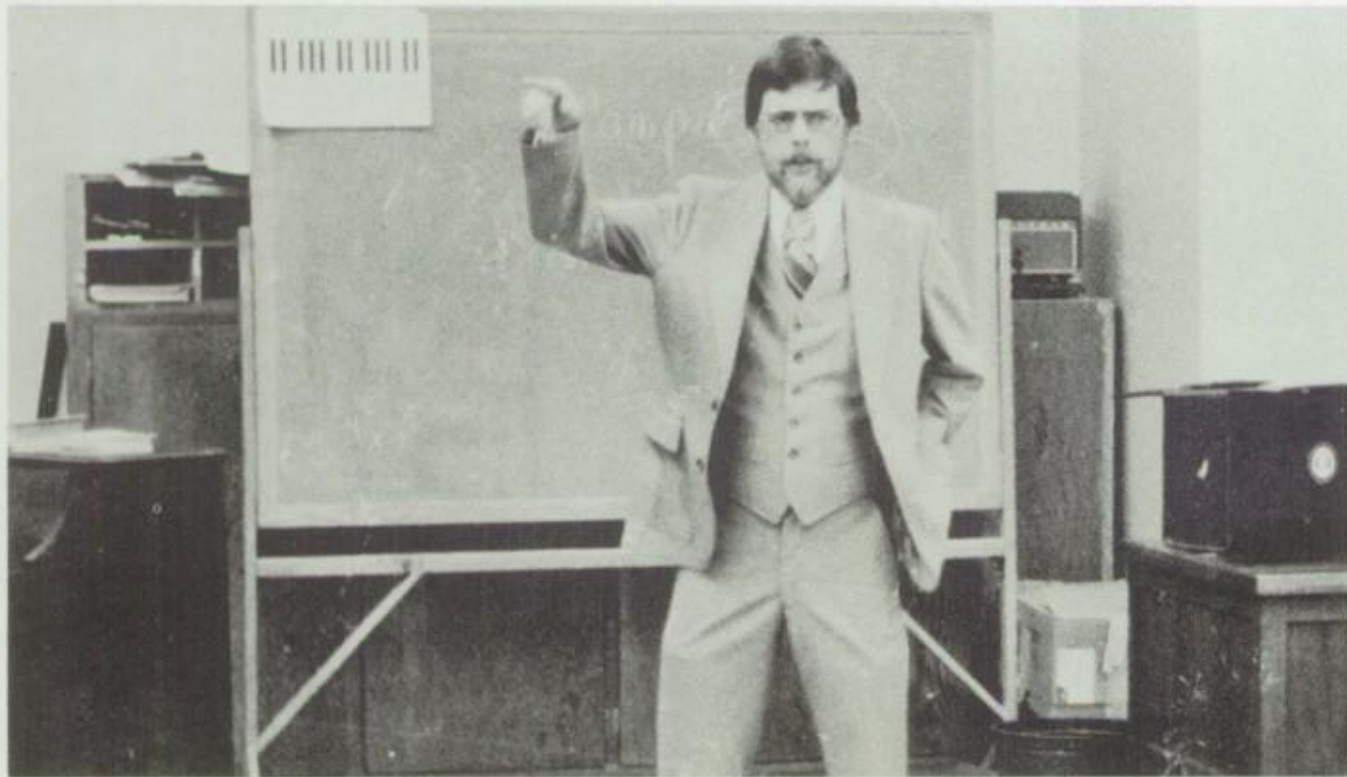
"I don't know, man. I'm not the greatest test-taker in the world."

"There's nothing to worry about. You won't have to take others too, including the General Aptitude Battery for sophomores, the Ohio Valley Interest Survey for freshmen, and Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests for sophomores and juniors, but that one is optional."

"I guess it can't hurt to try. Maybe I'll become a scholar with a little practice."

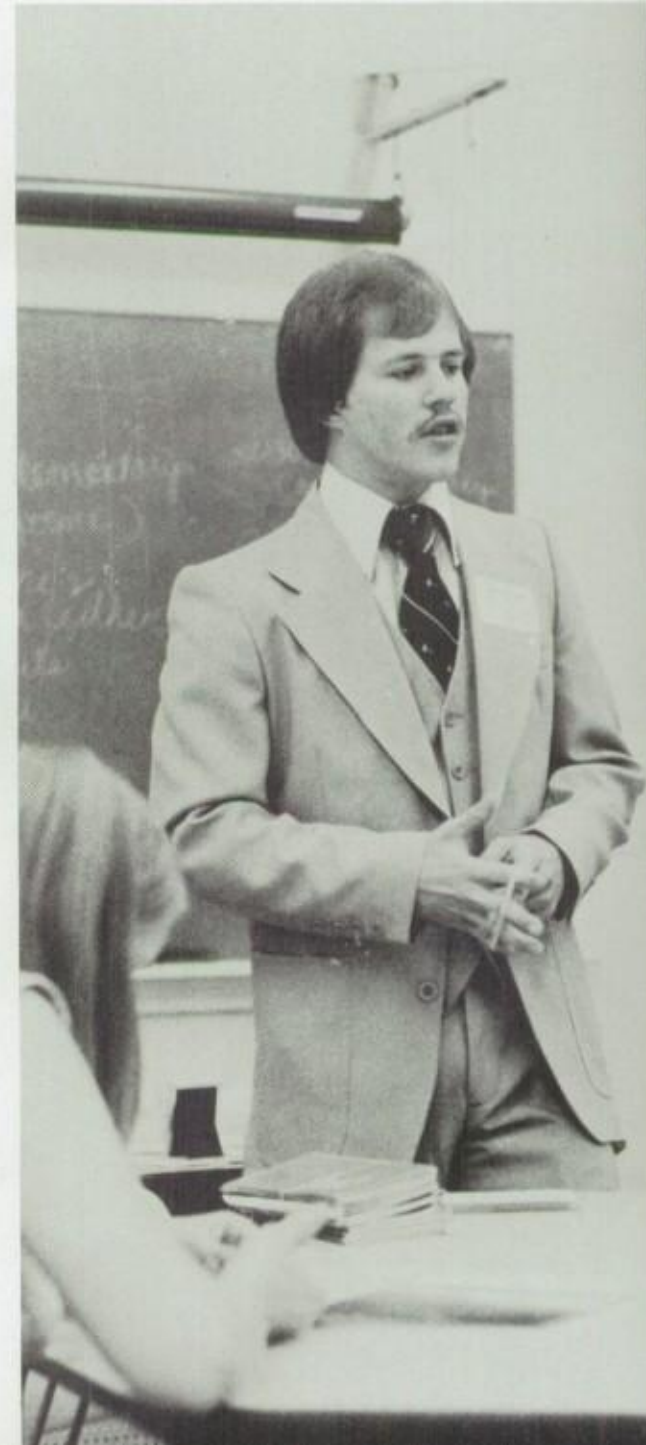
"You probably could if you were really interested."

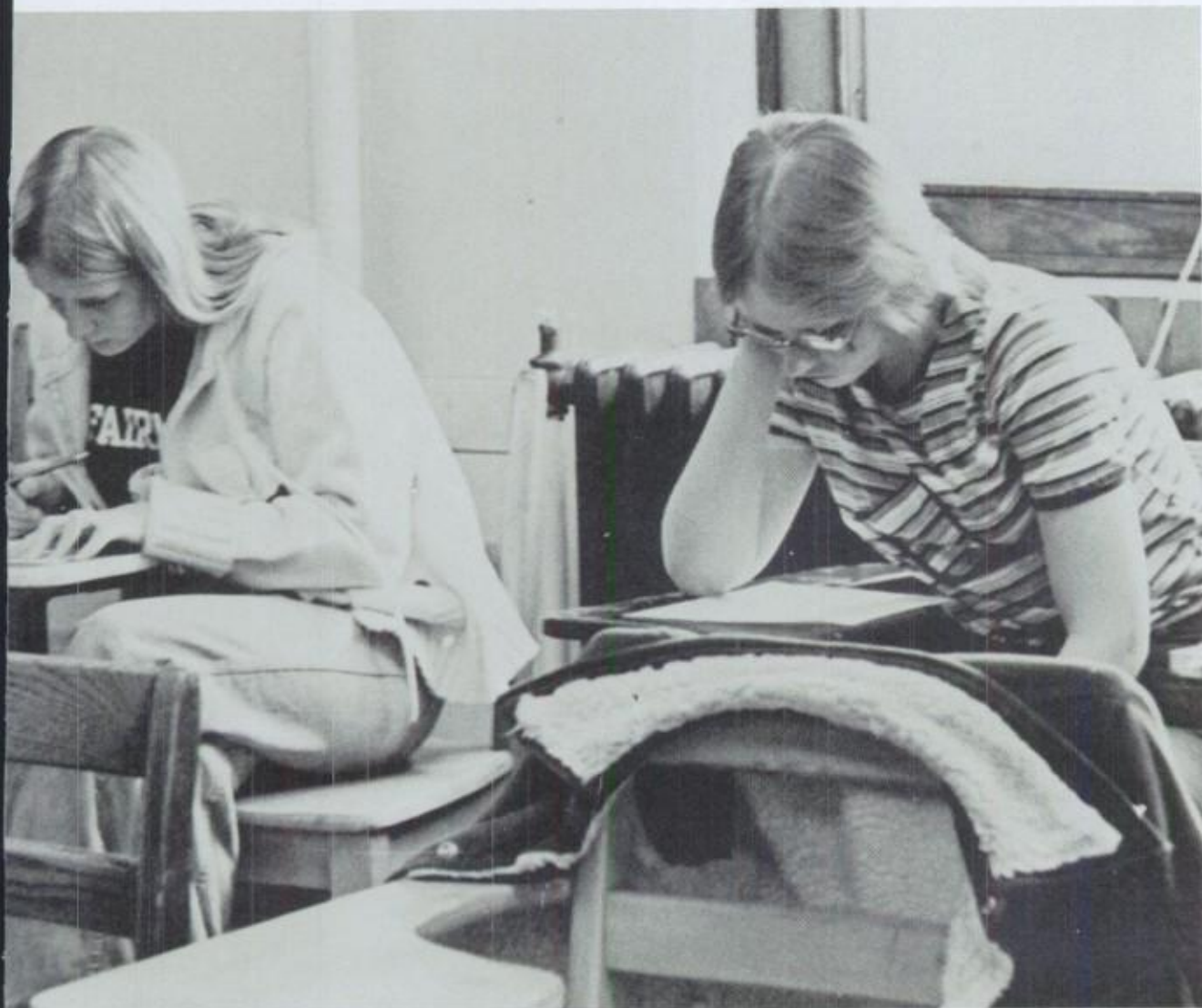
"Well, I'm not sure I'm that interested. We'll see tomorrow. I have to go to bed early so my brain will be rested."



Helping students choose a college is Mr. James Glover, admissions director at Marshall University, as he describes the curriculum.

As part of College Day, Mr. Daryl Mount tells students what Ohio Valley College has to offer them. Mr. Joe Muto, Mrs. Mary Jo Roman, and Mr. Gene Kiser, guidance counselors, planned the session.





Semester finals are strenuous as Robin Jackson, junior, and Cindy Quinton, senior, find out. Students who missed more than three days were required to take the exams.

Filling out cards for College Day are Wes Martin and Jeannie Buby, seniors. Career Day had to be cancelled because of bad weather.



DRAMA

It takes two to preside over the joint meeting of Thespian and Drama Clubs as Kendra Stingo and Ellen Glazer, presidents, discuss upcoming productions.



At the Christmas party, Judy Simmons, sophomore, serves punch. Drama Club met once a month during sixth period.

Drama Club — FRONT ROW: Billy Oliver, Michele Mezzapelle, Ellen Glazer, Kathy Clayton, Connie Lambert, and Rita Boyce; SECOND ROW: Eric Shimer, Karen Hatfield, Mariah Rokisky, Robin Drumond, Jody Saunders, and Mrs. Vicki Weber; THIRD ROW: Nina Elliott, Cheryl Cox, Becky Culbertson, Allison Cooke, Gina McDowell, Todd Waronicki, and Wendell Jones.

Caught in the act





Students were given a better opportunity to make their stage dreams come true as the Drama Department opened many areas to those who wished to participate in theatrical plays.

"The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" were the two productions available to the student body. For those who didn't take part in the acting, there were technical and make-up crews to join. Mrs. Vicki Weber served as department head.

Applying make-up isn't easy as Melinda Hogan, senior, and Don Reed, junior, find when preparing Mike Neizgoda, sophomore, for "The Death and Life of Sneaky Fitch."



Thespians — FRONT ROW: Dawn Price, Tina Hanning, Sharon Iaquina, Mindy Sherbs, Kendra Stingo, Rose Ierace, Joyce Ross, Margie Smith, and Melissa Stout; SECOND ROW: J.P. Wallman, Elizabeth Warren, Shelly Vilar, Kari Carlson, Ginny Haught, Jennifer Little, John Prendergast, Tony Evans, Don Reed, and Mrs. Vicki Weber; THIRD ROW: Frankie Towns, Stan Prudnick, Don Raikes, Lee Brown, Tim McAteer, Kurt Lengel, Frank Saporito, Mike Niezgoda, and Tod Craft.

Thespian members Johna Campbell, freshman, and Tony Evans, sophomore, fill out point sheets during a club meeting.

Close encounters of the worst kind

Taking Driver's Education often means one will have an easier time obtaining his license when he finally turns 16; thus, it usually turns out to be an extremely special class. This year was no exception. In fact, it was so popular that many found themselves on a waiting list. Those who had turned 16 or were about to were admitted before those who had birthdays later in the year.

Students in the classes learned the rules of the road, and many experienced that first time behind-the-wheel. Every time the Driver's Education car left the back drive with three students and one instructor, a deep breath was taken and an unforgettable

experience was visualized of some "close encounter" that might occur along the way.

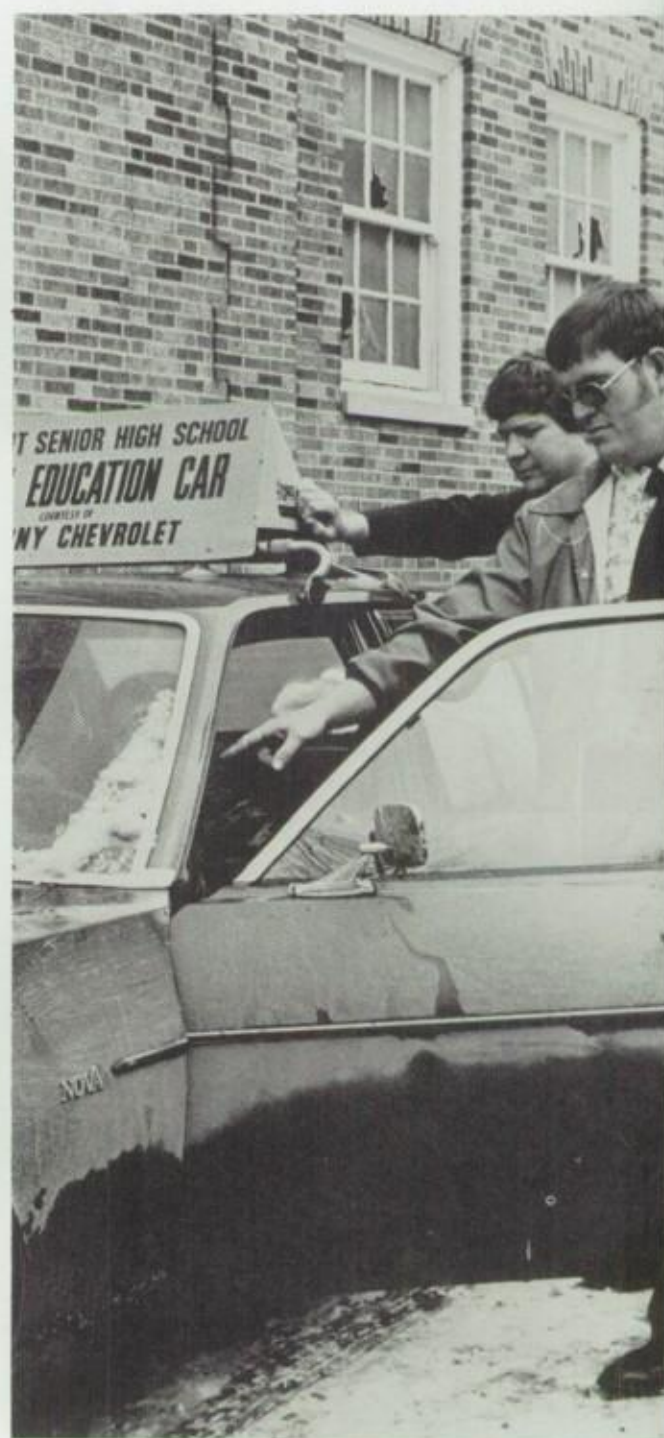
Toby Dukich, junior, stated of his first ride, "The driver got us stuck at Consolidated Park for 15 minutes." John Willis, sophomore, claimed, "The boy driving went in the wrong lane with three cars coming toward us." Donna Summers, sophomore, recalled, "We got stuck in the ice and had to dig our way out!"

What did the students really think about the class? Mark Tonkovich, sophomore, stated, "It helps in many ways for the formation of a decent driver." And that's what driving is all about!



The 10 and 2 o'clock hand positions are practiced by Driver's Education students as instructor, Mr. Byron Duncil, shows the proper way.

Behind the controls for the first time, Ron Everhart, sophomore, shows Mr. Duncil and Mr. Cavalier the basic procedures before starting the car.





Before taking off, Donna Bailey, junior, releases the emergency brake. The use of the emergency brake was one of the safety procedures taught.

Beside the wheel, Mr. Joe Cavalier, instructor, gives instructions to one of his drivers. Students gained road experience by driving once a week.



More than just a clas

Field trips, festivals, and creative projects made English more than just another class.

Two new programs were added to insure students a better background in the subject. Mrs. Linda Morgan, department head, described the new reading program as "one of our finest." The ten per cent of the student body not reading on a high school level were offered the classes taught by Miss Sally Conaway.

The Individualized (Repeat) English Program was for those who failed a class so that through learning packets students repeated the very same material that they had failed.

Big changes in Phase IV included removing the honor point from the class and not giving college credit for it.



While waiting to leave for Europe, Tim Haley, sophomore, sits and chats with his mother. Phase IV and French students toured Europe Nov. 18-27.

Creative Writing students Sarah Schwartz, Debbie Soles, Tera Wilson, and Susan Mason experience people's reactions to their appearances at the Mall.





To prove his muscle building pill works, Robert Pi-leggi, freshman, has Sam Cassella, sophomore, demonstrate their advertisement.



Discussing the Europe bulletin board are Kevin Clarke, junior; Lisa Turner and Jim Wolfe, sophomores; Jill Ferry, junior; and Amy Tarleton, sophomore.



Commercials can be fun as Della Miller lathers Chuck Travis' face while Beth Lauderback narrates. They studied commercials in Mrs. Weber's class.

A fête(ing) fiasco

Pledging the French way are inductees Kim McDowell, and Steve Talbott, juniors, and Jim Wolfe, Charlie Francis, and John Wallman, sophomores.



Colasessano's pizza is eaten by French Honorary members Kevin Clarke and John Daristotle, juniors. Both are second year members.

French Honorary — FRONT ROW: Sheryl Whales, Cathy Figler, Pam Hennen, and John Wallman; SECOND ROW: Amy Bruce, Anne Clark, Kim McDowell, Mary Pat Wilson, Kay Dunnivant, and Mike Shan; THIRD ROW: Steve Talbott, Charlie Francis, Jim Wolfe, John Daristotle, Jeff Barlow, and Kevin Clarke.





Qui etait la femme de Louis Pasteur? (Who was the wife of Louis Pasteur?) Billy Piscitelli, French Honorary president, asked each French II inductee a question in French like the one above at the fall induction.

Inductees who didn't know the correct answer, sang their version of "The Fight Song," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," or "Oscar Mayer Weiner." Each new member needed a 3.0 overall average in the language to be eligible.

A Christmas party was held at Sharon Glazer's home with a special visit from French I students Chris Craft and John Deiriggi posing as Pere Noel (Santa Claus) and his elf. Everyone brought a snack and a gag gift. Some of the gifts included an old French III book, a 5 mile-per-hour speed limit sign, silly puddy, and crayons.

French classes, along with studying the culture, grammar, and life style of France, participated in the Spanish Fiesta at Christmas and a benefit bowling match.

To quench his thirst, Charlie Francis, sophomore, is served some punch by Amy Bruce, senior. The formal induction took place at the Fleming Memorial Church.

French I students Chris Craft, Lynn Thompson, and Brenda Paknik read over a class assignment. Mr. James Cimino was the club and class instructor.



HOME ECONOMICS

The basics of life from childhood to adult life were taught in family living and home economics classes.

Family Living, instructed by Mrs. Arella Pruyni, was a class where students studied everyday life and learned how to manage in the adult world. Before learning this, each student evaluated his personality for a better study of his life. Making crafts and learning to cook were covered before getting into dating, marriage, childcare, and house management. Students also studied divorce and how it could be prevented.

Taught by Mrs. Dinah Smith, home economics covered four courses—Family Crafts, Vocational Home Economics, and Foods I and II. Family Crafts, a semester class, emphasized Appalachian Heritage arts and students learned to make 15 different crafts. Resource people from the community came in and presented demonstrations.

Vocational Home Economics was similar

to the Family Living course. Students studied family relations, child development, housing and design, clothing, textiles, food, and nutrition.

Foods I classes covered consumer education and advertising in the mass media. Home environment was studied as students were taught room designing and the metric system in the home today. Several cultures and their foods taught students to prepare eight different meals. Foods dealt mainly with meal preparation, waiter and waitress training, and food service.

Home Economics and Family Living were not for girls only. In fact, a large percentage of boys took the courses. Mrs. Dinah Smith commented on why the classes were good for both girls and boys, "With so many people working in the American public, it is becoming necessary for both men and women alike to become Home Economists."



Future Homemakers of America — FRONT ROW: Sheryl Holbert, Kelly Lemley, and Eunice Morrone; SECOND ROW: Carla Minico, Nancy Brady, and Mrs. Dinah Smith.

Hard at work crocheting are Claudia Willey, junior, and Sheryl Wales, senior, as they make a project in Family Crafts.



There's no place like home



Acting as hostess to Janice Grubb and Debbie Wilfong, seniors, and Becky Smith, junior, and Lee Ann Satterfield, senior, is Melinda Hogan, senior.

Preparing refreshments in Family Living class are Donna Tiano, Kim Frey, Kelly Toothman, and Tammy Geldbaugh, seniors.



INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Cleaning up the press after a day's work in Printing I class are Brian Morgan, junior, and David Merrill, sophomore.



Adding the finishing touches on a fishing rack is Mike Reid, junior, as Charlie Hood, sophomore, makes sure the measurements are right.

Hammering away is Kevin Shuman, senior, as he works on his project in Woodshop II. Kevin made a book case in the class.



Every inch counts as Mike Burdoff, senior, makes sure his drawing is perfect in his Drafting IV class.



Popular mechanics



Did you ever want to be an architect? High school is the perfect place to begin a career such as this plus many others, through the Industrial Arts Department which consists of numerous phases of drafting, printing, and woodshop.

Drafting, under the direction of Mr. Richard Hawkins, covered everything from the fundamentals of architecture and drawing front, top, and side views of various objects to designing three dimensional creations. Lamp casing and distributor covers were among the projects undertaken by the classes. As a money-making project, the students sponsored a basketball game between the faculty, cheerleaders, and themselves. Proceeds from the game went to-

ward the purchase of new desks for the Drafting Department.

Invitations, announcements, occupancy signs, and Polar Bear bumper stickers helped to give printing students, instructed by Mr. John Kupets, points for what different projects they had completed. Grade averages were determined from these points.

Under the supervision of Mr. Abe Modi, woodshop classes had the opportunity to create anything of their own choosing provided that they supplied the money for the necessary materials and the experience behind it. Projects included everything from gun cabinets to book cases.

Discussing plans with Mr. Abe Modi, instructor, about a gun cabinet are Mark Bowyer, junior, and Philip Delligatti, sophomore.

Hi-Life — FRONT ROW: Genny Raikes, Toni Parker, Dawn Straight, Annamarie Gardi, and Anita Alberico; SECOND ROW: Mona Yelcich, Diana Wells, Candi Brumage, Tammy Gilardi, Anne Marie Fanto, and

Deirdra Fluker; THIRD ROW: Renee Stern, Belinda Boord, Brad Waronicki, Mitch Vingle, Randy Jones, Jim Floyd, and Mike Dublin.



Monthly mania in Room 103



Room 103, located on the middle floor, between the office and the gymnasium, could be compared to a busy shopping center. All day long people went in and out, but somehow a semblance of order came out of the chaos.

And from this same room came a 276-page yearbook, eight issues of the news magazine totaling 72 pages, a weekly radio show, a bi-weekly column, and endless stories in the city paper.

For the 22 members of the Hi-Life crew, eight in their second year, doing camera-ready paste-ups for eight to twelve issues was a challenge as well as a chore, but not an unwelcome one.

The big questions were always, "Who can take copy to Morgantown?" "When are we doing paste-ups?" and "Oh no, is that due already?" And the sports editors patented the statement: "We'll do it tomorrow."

While students experienced long hours (at times as late as midnight) and headaches which only Excedrin could relieve, the procedure proved more economical and provided practical training for those really interested in the field.

Planning the cover of the news magazine are Mona Yelcich and Belinda Boord. Belinda served as ad manager and Mona was feature editor.



ot off the press is the next edition of **Hi-Life** as Anne Marie Fanto sorts them into stacks. This was her second year as editor of the paper.

At the West Virginia Scholastic Press Convention, Colonel Chuck Savedge discusses yearbooking with Jim Floyd, Stevie Smith, Mitch Vingle, and Brian Morgan.



A snowstorm gives Mike Dublin and Mitch Vingle a chance to build a snowman at the Statue of Liberty when the staffs visited the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention.

There is plenty of work to do as Toni Parker, Genny Raikes, Dawn Straight, Shelley Rombola, and Anne Marie Fanto, seniors, work to meet a deadline.

Another decision for Lori Dodge and Amy Bruce, co-editors, to make as Ann Frank works on her section.

Being the school photographer is hard work as Martha Nickolich, senior, produces another picture during one of her many hours in the darkroom.



The yearbook spread was probably the hardest to do. For 17 staff members, the trial of recording the year was another endeavor of time, patience, and talent.

The time often added up to over 68 extra hours a week starting as early as August when everyone met at McDonald's for a one-day ad campaign. Even earlier, some members attended summer workshops at Ohio University and Ball State. And the fun didn't stop there . . .

Mixing together a group of first year students, one returning staff member and one adviser made life interesting—that's where the patience came in. The talent was obvious—Tammy Hayhurst, Lori Dodge, Mitch Vingle, Dawn Straight, Toni Parker, and Jeff Straight won *Times-West Virginian* awards.

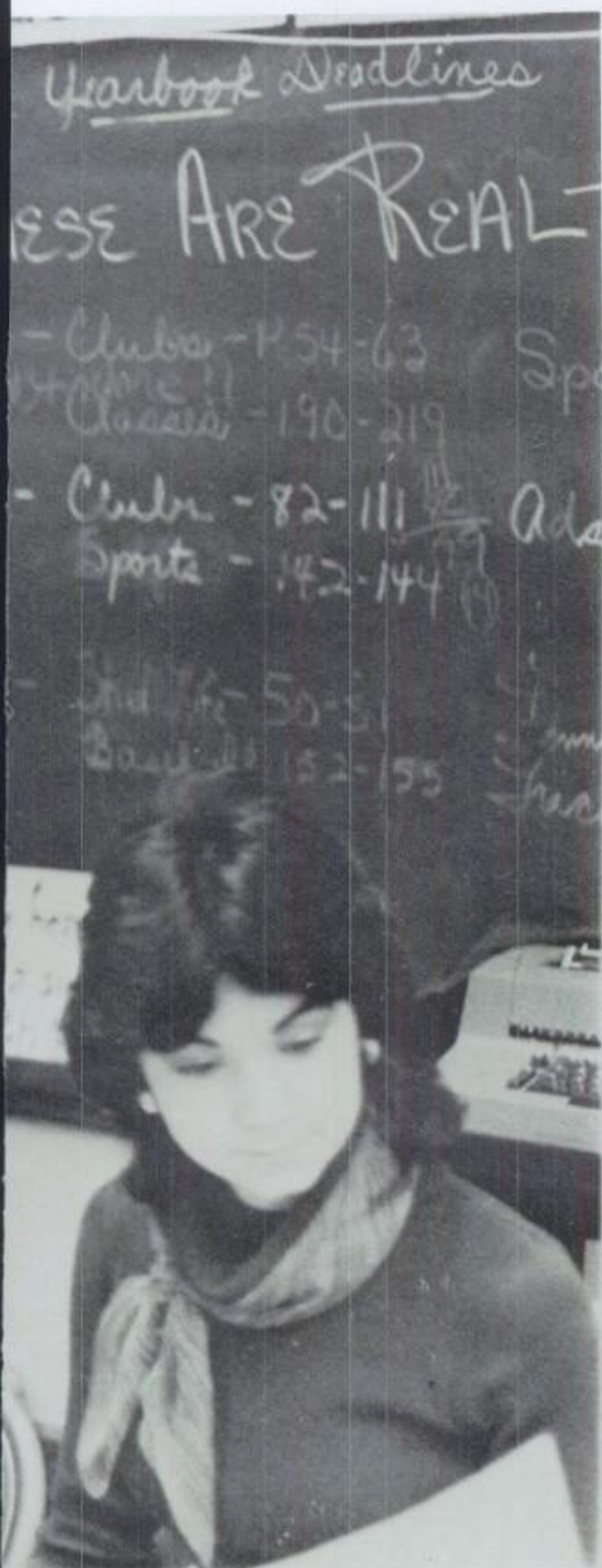
Yet, it wasn't until the first deadline that the yearbook staff got it all together. Many a Friday and Saturday night were given up to work in Room 103. Listening to tapes, eating quarter pounders with cheese, and drinking pop from someone's picnic cooler was included in the fun.

Sometimes the patience wore thin or the work became too time-consuming causing a few conflicts, but in the end laughter could be heard over the noise of typewriters and some of the longest-lasting friendships were sealed.

Through all the time, patience and talents, a family grew—and out of that family's hard work came a yearbook.

Candy money is counted by Toni Brunett, senior. Journalism classes sold candy bars to raise money to attend a workshop in New York.





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Annual panic in 103

Yearbook Staff — FRONT ROW: Jeff Straight, Natalie Hinton, Don Reed, Toni Brunett, Diana Pellillo, and Martha Nickolich; SECOND ROW: Wendy Shimer, Cathy Figler, Anne Clark, Ann Frank, Lori Dodge, Amy

Bruce, and Mrs. Debbie Moore, adviser; THIRD ROW: Beth Meredith, Becky Pileggi, Susan Hlebinsky, Stevie Smith, Tammy Hayhurst, Donna Bailey, Mitch Vingle, and Dave Hannah.



The index is a big job as Don Reed, junior, finds out while he makes sure everyone is accounted for.

Responsible for raising \$14,000 to pay for the yearbook Becky Pileggi and Beth Meredith, seniors, organize their work.

Checking to see how many schools registered for the WVSP Convention are Mrs. Debbie Moore, president, and Miss Jane Dumire, professional consultant.



Birthday parties for each staff member provide a break as Ann Frank celebrates her seventeenth.

LATIN

Munching down at the annual induction banquet held at St. Peter's Church is Tim McAteer, senior. Tim served as club president.

Latin Club — FRONT ROW: Linda Snyder, Tina Guzzo, Leigh Ann Kerns, Stephanie Efaw, Connie Lambert, Susan Bennett, Sheila Davis, Nan Charlton, Joyce Audia, Pam Turner, and Claudia Willey; SECOND ROW: Debra R. Crites, Nancy Cummings, Becky Sauro, Joyce Gaskill, Jennifer Muto, Mark Clarke, Mike Stern, Della Miller, Mark Wallman, Tracey Weaver, Dave Bowyer, John Frye, and Mrs. Julia Shaw, adviser; THIRD ROW: Gary McCutcheon, Tim McAteer, Tom Asher, Andrew Lindsay, Steve Kennedy, John DeLuca, Tim Haley, Danny Phillips, John Miller, Tim Walker, and Jim Davis.



Latin advertising is exhibited as Tim Haley and Leigh Ann Kerns, sophomores, pin up the monthly bulletin board.

Latin II students Joyce Gaskill, Winnie Fluharty, John Frye, Nan Charlton, Susan Bennett, and Joyce Audia work on an assignment.



A turnabout in tradition



A person clad in a traditional Roman toga reciting the Latin alphabet brings to mind a typical scene in a Latin class. Yet, Latin covered much more than just the wearing of a flimsy white sheet.

For example, the basics of Latin I and II enabled students to study Greek and Roman culture, translate different levels of Latin, and participate in a culture day. During a special Greek and Roman Day, students from all classes brought in a variety of food to correspond with the menus of Greece and Rome.

The 40-member Latin Club and Honorary participated in projects such as candy, popcorn balls and pepperoni bun sales, a trip to Pittsburgh, a Roman Banquet held at St. Peter's Church, monthly bulletin boards, and a picnic for graduate students.

The stereotyped Latin class, complete with toga and alphabet, changed its style. Instead, students learned more about the historical and cultural background of Latin.



Enjoying her meal at the banquet is Mrs. Julia Shaw, Latin teacher. The banquet was a main event in the curriculum.

A traditional toga is part of Andrew Lindsay's attire as he cuts into a spaghetti pie. The pie served as a main course at the banquet.

LIBRARY



Most of us picture the typical library as a place with shelves and shelves of dusty books and aisles of tables and chairs. Though the library contained over 11,000 books and encyclopedias, the newest trend was toward the use of earphones and recorders. Divided off into three sections, the library rendered an atmosphere of reading and learning (even with a little music piped in.)

Obtaining posters from the new filing cabinet is Mark Oliver, sophomore, while Mrs. Irene Martin, librarian, assists.

Listening to a wide selection of records in the library are Debbie Trippett, freshman, Roberta Talbert, senior, and Eric Shimer, sophomore. Many students benefited not only from the equipment such as earphones, but also from the audio-visual machines.



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ding time in his busy schedule to work on his math
 mework is John Gerdes, sophomore, as he takes ad-
 vantage of the quiet atmosphere and the facilities of-
 fered in the library.

nching it out on the calculator is Debbie Dunlap,
 nior, as she tackles a problem in Trigonometry. Cal-
 culators became an important part of math students
 ly lives.

viewing homework, Sharon Heck, senior, Anne Bom-
 ar, freshman, and Kay Dunnivant, senior, spend
 me time preparing for competition.

Mathematics was basically a numbers
 game. Though some "A" students found
 the class a breeze, most took a calculator in
 hope of a passing grade.

Those going beyond the classroom activ-
 ities were students who participated in
 Math Field Day and the National Math
 Test. In county competition at Math Field
 Day, Kay Dunnivant and Anne Bomar
 placed first in their competitive levels. Re-
 gionally, Kay and Anne took third place

awards. Taking the top three honors in the
 National Math Test were Kay Dunnivant,
 Bill Coleman, and Sharon Heck,
 respectively.

Students maintaining a high average in
 math were recognized as members of the
 Math Honorary led by Miss Linda Huber.

Stumbling some students who didn't
 have the ability and challenging those who
 did, math remained a game of numbers.



Mu Alpha Theta — FRONT ROW: Carolyn Miller, Suzanne Purdy, Lisa Thobois, Lisa Turner, Anne Bomar, Sharon Heck, Pam Cheslock, and Jim Davis; SECOND ROW: Chris Weaver, Kathy Schwartz, Becky Knisley, Jenny Eskew, Debbie Dunlap, Carol Wilson, Kay Dun-

navant, Barbie Schwartz, Joni Lewis, and Miss Linda Huber, adviser; THIRD ROW: Amy Tarleton, Debra R. Crites, Stephanie Hannon, Kim McDowell, John Frye, Steve Talbott, Bill Coleman, Lee Sesler, and Michael Shan.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

With the passing of a new law "D" and Ms. Zanin doubled up and found a new ball game when physical education classes went ...

COED

When the thought of combined girls and boys physical education first came to mind, it aroused many gasps, a lot of whispering, and some "That'll be the day."

Yet, due to a mandate by the Federal Government that was put into effect to halt the segregation of classes, the day came, and the new coed physical education program was accepted.

By dividing their students in half alphabetically, the team of Miss Elly Zanin and Coach Bob DeLorenzo taught the coed classes. Both teachers agreed that the influence the girls and boys had on each other created a more positive environment and better competition.

Students studied archery, tumbling, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, bowling, badminton, ping-pong, indoor tennis, darts, flag football, track and field, soccer, wrestling, and softball.



Waiting for the serve, John Cavicchio and Allison Cooke, freshmen, take part in another coed sport.

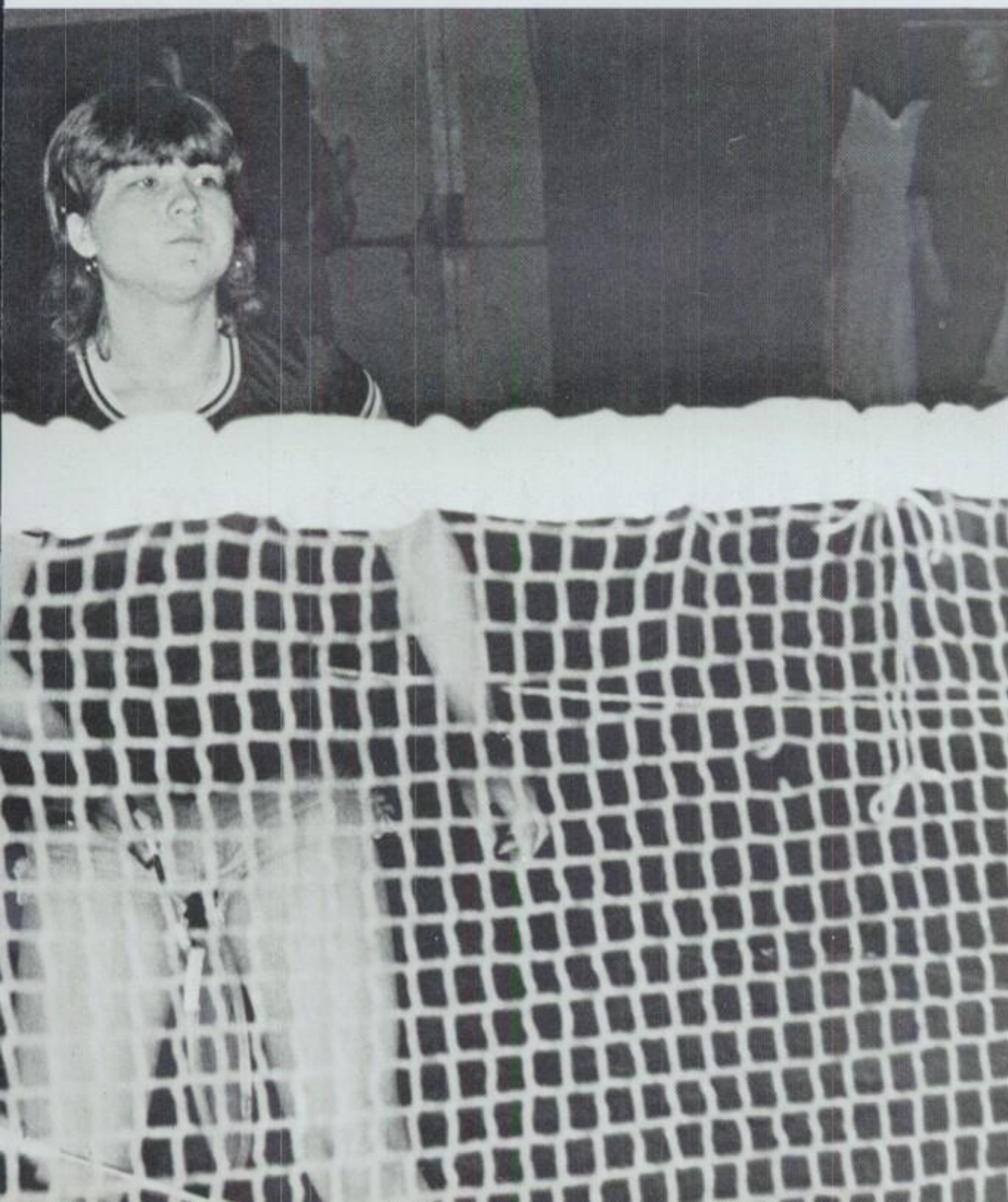




Perfecting his skills on the even parallel bars is Fred Roman, freshman, with the assistance of Nathan Pudsell, freshman.



Flexibility exercises for the neck are done by Patty Lee, Shelly Lemley, and Susan Oliveto, freshmen.



Coordination and height are perfected by Kim Davidson, freshman, as she practices her skills on the trampoline.

On the quick defense in a badminton game, Regina Hinton and Dollores Kriston, freshmen, save a smash from the opposing team.

PIANO



A wave of spirit is passed through the air at a football game by Anna Mae Bell and Bonnie Parks, juniors.



Practicing a piece in piano class is Bridget Blake, freshman, while Debbie Trippett, freshman, turns the pages.

Brought onto the academic scene in its first year, piano class made its debut in the auditorium while an old custom, Spirit Club, was revived to supply "the enthusiasm of the school." Whether old or new, each took off in its own direction with a cry for a change of key.

Scale exercises and theory practices were attempted by piano students under the instruction of Mr. James Cimino. With just two pianos, Mr. Cimino taught eight students classical as well as popular tunes.

Responsible for flying streamers, arranging posters on the walls, making signs for the school front, and hanging balloons down from the ceiling at every those were members of the Spirit Club.

Other activities included sponsoring the Miss Spirit Dance, which featured the band "Sassy" and making favors for the athletic teams in the fall and spring.

With the revival of Spirit Club and the adding of piano class, students found their cry for a change of key answered.



Spirit Club — FRONT ROW: L.A. Roth, L. Thobois, C. Kincell, E. Warren, L. Heathcote, L. Maruka, S. Retton, R. Yanero, P. Cheslock, C. Woodward, L. Brown, A.M. Bell, S. Oliveto, C. Payton, and B. Drake; SECOND ROW: L.A. Garrett, D. Schwartz, L. Green, D. Julian, J. McLeary, B. Murray, A. Eates, S. Stern, M. Eates, L. Turner, C. Gates, B. Tinnell, S. Rose, A. Bomar, T. Weaver, A. Vandergrift, R. Smith, and P. Davis; THIRD ROW: S. Bennett, B. Sauro, S. Davis, B. Knisely, D. Dzielski, K. Williams, S. Rombola, M. Nickolich, G. Stubbs, M.A. Stingo, A. Layman, J. Toothman, B. Brown, D. Grega, K. Dodge, P. Turner, B. McCoy, C. Bryant, and K. Moats; FOURTH ROW: L. Critchfield, S. Hannon, K. Brown, N. Cummings, S. Kennedy, P. Jones, B. Barkley, M.B. Oliveto, L. Jones, M. Bradshaw, L. Little, B. Wood, D. Biafore, J. Feltz, M. Dublin, S. Hinton, J. Bowers, B. Boord, and D.K. Crites.

Mat Maids — FRONT ROW: Antoinette Eates, Dee Ann Prozzillo, Debbie Trippett, Lee Ann Garrett, Stefanie Sansalone, and Monica Eates; SECOND ROW: Sheila Davis, Holly Hutchinson, Roslyn Daristotle, Theresa Biafore, Lisa Argiro, and Jennifer Golden; THIRD ROW: Pam Davis, Debbie K. Crites, Susan Mason, Karen Mercer, Cathy Poshadel, and Pam Jones.



At the keys, Mary Jackson, sophomore, tries a new piece.



SPIRIT CLUB

A cry for a change of key

Performing a duet, Ann Vandergrift and Beth Barkley, sophomores, try their hands at twin timing.



Track Maids — FRONT ROW: Amy Gross, Cheryl Cox, Sheila Davis, Gretchen Smith, and Lisa Argiro; SECOND ROW: Joni Toothman, Carol Woodward, Malissa Windon, Lee Ann Garrett, Brenda Crites, and Susan Nester; THIRD ROW: Shelley Stern, Monica Eates, Wendy Knisely, Terri Hollen, Nan Charlton, Margie Smith, and Theresa Biafore.

Wrestling Cheerleaders — Wendy Knisely, Monica Dublin, Janie Cox, Linda Fortney, Jamie Feltz, and Kristie Bundy cheer at a match in East Side's gym.



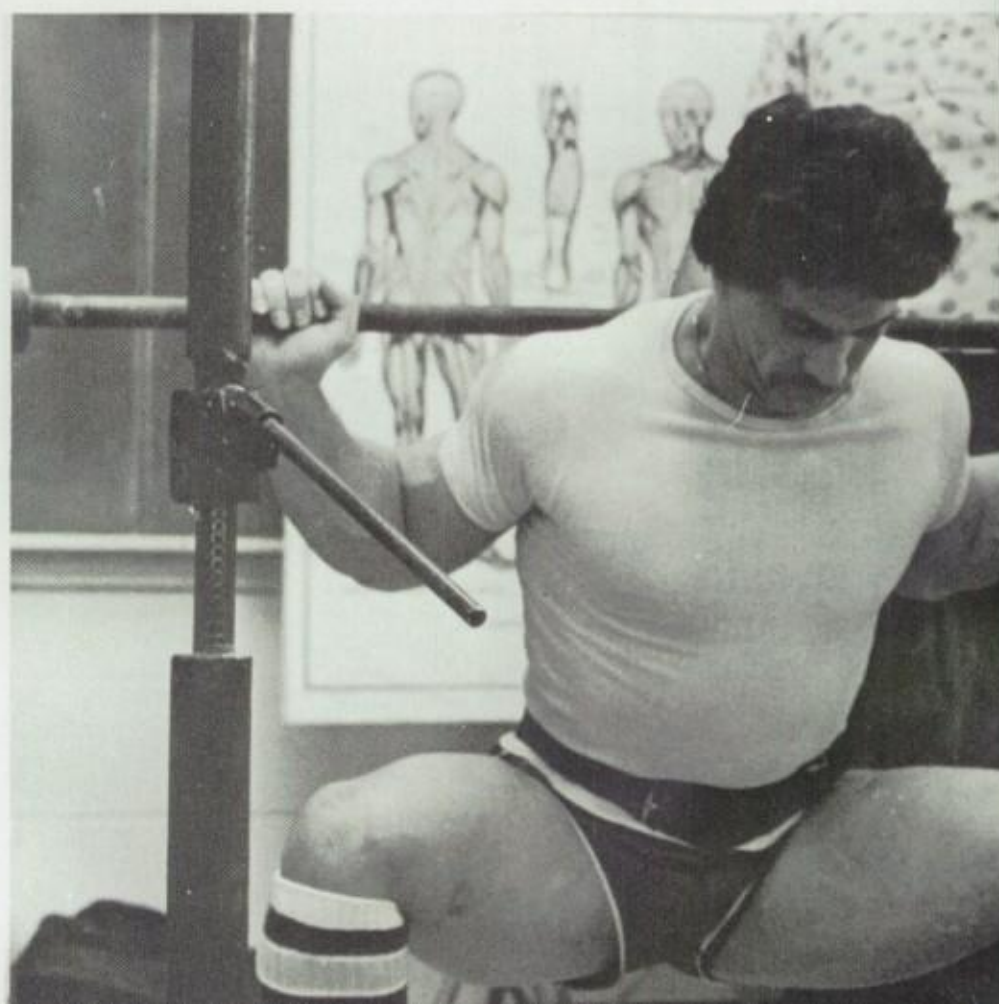
The perils of formaldehyde and fixe



Whether it was probing the inner organs of a tiny specimen in biology, becoming a plastic covered, goggled eyed creature in chemistry, or learning the difference between F-stops and shutter speeds in photography—the Science Department was never without a unique experience.

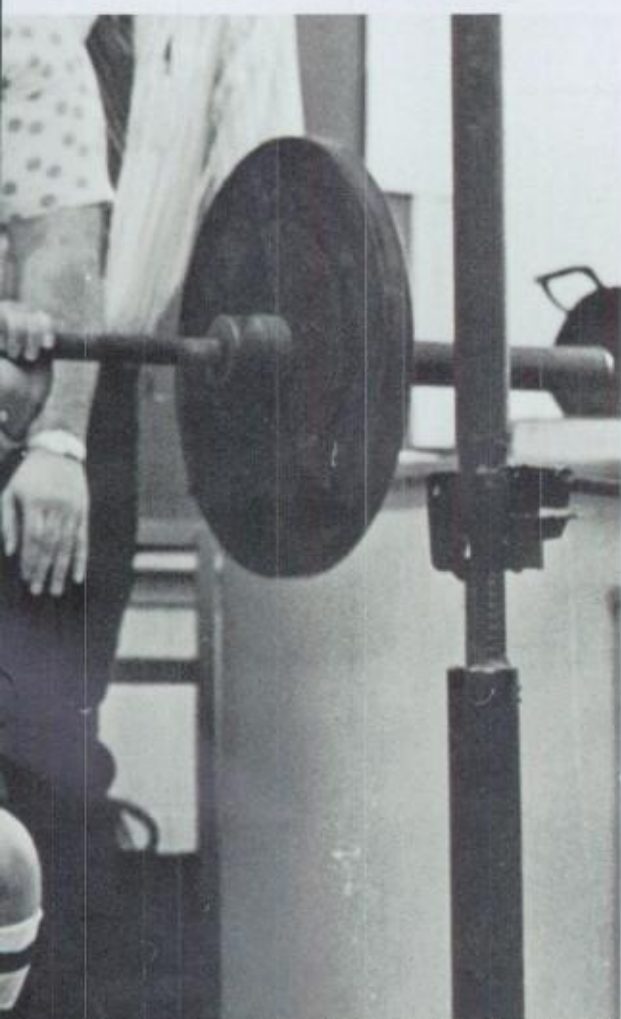
Students discovered everything from the value of experiments in the lab to the organization of the human body. With highlights pointing to the science fair at FSC and a new darkroom, there was also a tragedy in the spotlight. The burning of the chemistry lab not only accounted for a \$7,500 bill, but also the inconvenience of 250 students.

The strength of the human body is demonstrated by Frank Nicholas, 1977 Mr. West Virginia to Mr. Tim Slamick's and Mr. Bill Lawson's classes.



precision and concentration by Thomas Asher, junior, in an important role in the dissection of a fetal pig in biology.

Before starting their experiment, Mike Cale, junior, and Jim Fetty, senior, read over instructions from their books.



Practicing the adjustment of a 35mm camera in class is Lenny Marra, junior, while Danny Maselli, junior, listens to instructions.



After developing their film, Bobby Yanero and John Miller, juniors, remove the negatives from the film tanks.



Demonstrating film development without a darkroom to Danny Maselli, junior, and Ed Strawderman, sophomore, is Mr. Carl Wagner, instructor.

Copying a picture from a magazine in photography are Tammy Patechuk and Chuck Meredith, juniors.

Issues and answers

Almost everyone was taught the important aspects of United States history, such as presidents and wars, but many people didn't know about other countries or people who helped change the nation.

Through guest speakers, film strips, quiz games, and visitation of historical places, social studies taught students facts about the nation and the world, not always found in books.

Television made the scene in social studies as Mr. Joe Naternicola used game shows, "I've Got a Secret" and "Family Feud" to help study certain chapters.

During "Family Feud," a class favorite, groups were questioned and the winners received points. This was just one way that American Studies classes learned about the Civil and Revolutionary Wars; they also visited the historical Prickett's Fort.

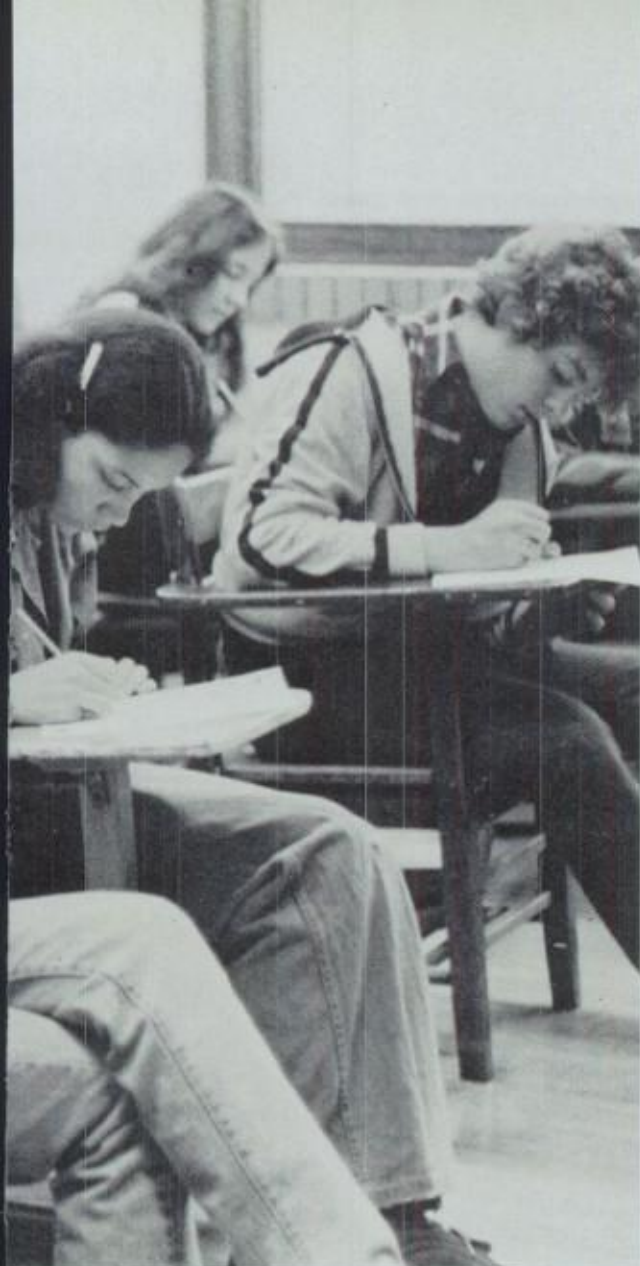
This department was especially known for its many guest speakers such as missionaries, firemen, and drug control representatives.

For other study, Mrs. Angeline Savereño's class "acted out" famous people's lives in history by having a president's cabinet where each student reported on a famous figure. Field trips were taken to the college to view plays as a group and participation at a Spanish Folk dance was included in the schedule.

Through audio-visual aids, social studies classes related more effectively to student interest and induced them to learn through sitting in on different class situations.

Queen for the day is Renee Helzer, junior, as she poses as Julius Caesar's wife. This was part of a skit for Mrs. Savereño's class.





Busy at work doing an assignment for Mr. Lew Petonick's American Studies class are Betty Helmick and Todd Wise, sophomores.

A lot of concentration is needed as Lee Ann Roth, Kathy Orgill, Jody Saunders, Anthony Horton, Todd Clyde, and Florence DeRosa take a test.



Problems of democracy are discussed by James Figler, senior, and his teacher, Mrs. Parker Warlick. James was a homebound student during high school.



The psychological effects of Vietnam are described by Doug Jackson from FSC as Jim Riffle, junior, listens to the information.

How would you like to walk in a room where only Spanish is spoken? Well, that's how it was in Room 104. To help students learn to listen and speak the language better, Mrs. Loretta Taylor talked mainly in Spanish.

Three phases of study were taught and anyone enrolled in either course was eligible to be a member of the Spanish Club, but there was also an honorary for those who accelerated in the language.

A bus load of students traveled to Davis and Elkins campus to compete in the Foreign Language Festival. Suzanne Purdy placed first and Mona Yelcich second in Creative Writing; Amy Tarleton won first and Bill Coleman second in Extemporaneous Speaking; Larry Bonasso, Tim Hall, and Bill Coleman placed second and Janet Clayton third in Songs. Special recognition was given to Liz Heine for her handwoven rug.

Christmas time activities included a Spanish Fiesta held in the school gymnasium. Booths consisting of fortune telling, a taco sale, and a demonstration of card playing rounded out the events.

As a service project, a bowling tournament between the language classes was held. In addition, Spanish Honorary celebrated Pan American Day with bulletin boards, displays, taco sales, and raffle tickets.

Whether speaking strictly Spanish in Room 104 or participating in Spanish-oriented activities, students learned about the language and the culture it's a part of.



Displaying the two piñatas given as prizes on Pan American Day is Liz Heine, senior. Liz made one of the pinatas and was in charge of the raffling of tickets.

Instructing class members Kim Forcelli, Pat Davis, and Sonya Maddox on proper diction is Mrs. Loretta Taylor.



A twist

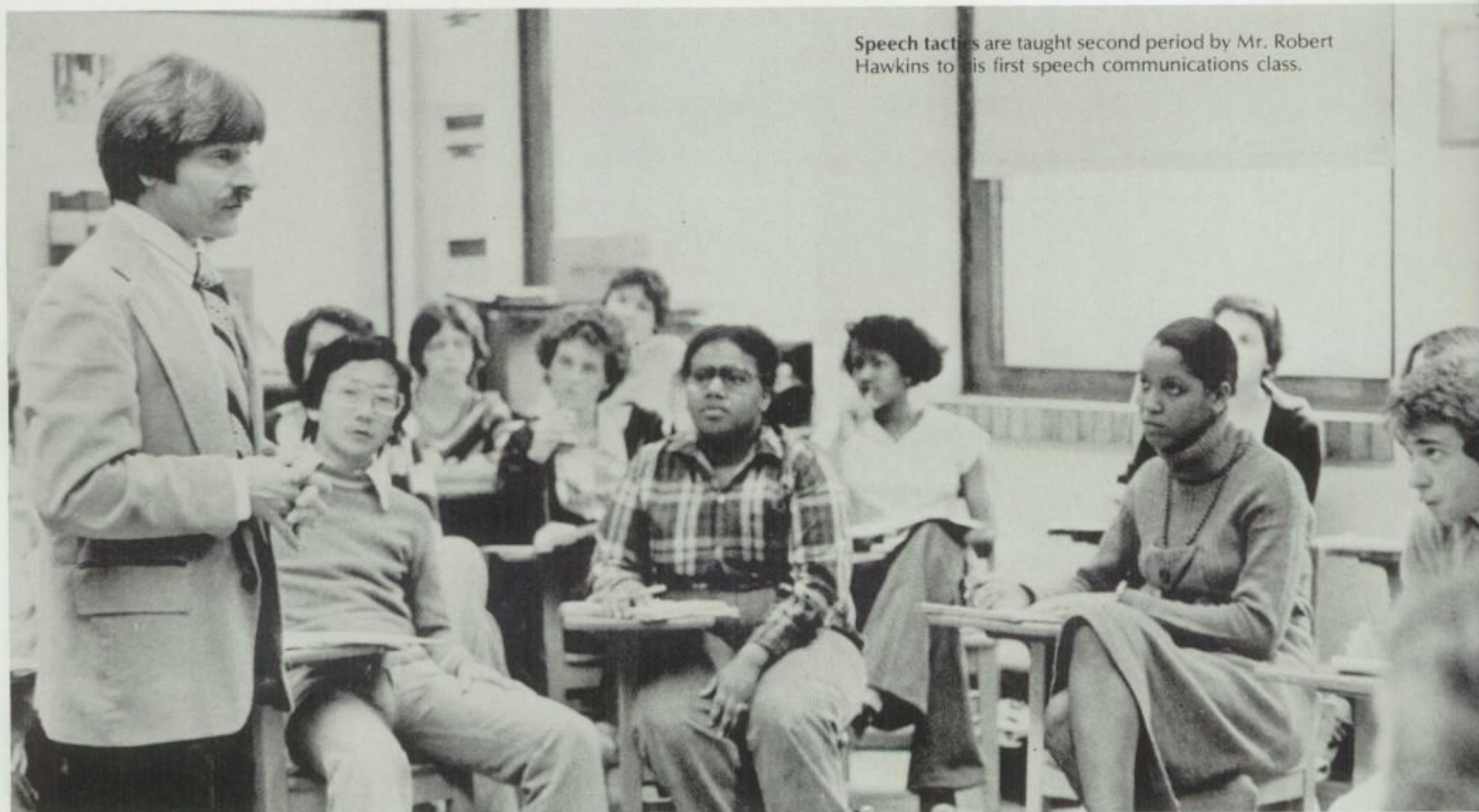
of the tongue

Providing the entertainment at the Spanish banquet at Bonanza is Janet Clayton, junior.

Spanish Honorary — FRONT ROW: Renee Stern, Suzanne Purdy, Janet Clayton, Liz Heine, Steve Clagett, Randall Kocsis, Lee Sesler, and Chris Harding; SECOND ROW: David Ashby, Mona Yelcich, Amy Tarleton, Mindy Nickel, Antoinette Eates, Bill Coleman, Diana Wells, Terri Henthorn, and Larry Bonasso; THIRD ROW: April Efaw, Cindy Dobreff, Becky Pileggi, Shelly Vilar, Leisha Heathcote, D.J. Urso, and Mark Tonkovich.



At the Spanish Fiesta, Sam Ruggiero, sophomore, Fred Roman, Bobby Gega, and Wendy Knisely, freshmen, take the donkey piñata.



Speech tactics are taught second period by Mr. Robert Hawkins to his first speech communications class.

Overflowing the office with trophies, the Speech Department not only gained an over abundance of tournament awards, but also invaluable classroom tactics. For students speech became ...

An unspeakable experience

Have you ever held an audience in the palm of your hand, watching them react with emotion to your thoughts and ideas? Have you overcome one of the ten greatest fears in America today? Have you ever delivered a speech?

Most students were unaware of the time, patience, and dedication that was involved in forensic competition. Speech was more than just reading a paragraph from behind a lectum; it was learning to communicate effectively through orations, oral interpretation, and debate.

Speech students attended several tournaments competing against schools from the eastern United States which included: Marshall University, Pittsburgh area, West Virginia Wesleyan, and Fairmont State College where they placed third in sweepstakes for the state tournament.

Betsy Talbott, senior, also won the state championship in humorous after dinner

speaking and placed second in the state Voice of Democracy Contest. Dave Hunt, junior, qualified in the Lincoln Douglas Debate for speech nationals in Washington D.C. Besides working for awards, students also gained points toward a degree in the National Forensic League.

"We win so much more than just trophies," claimed Tina Alvaro, senior, "Just the experience of a tournament is incredible."

Besides the knowledge and experience gained from competition, invaluable experience was gained from the classroom with courses from Speech I and Speech II to the first year speech communications class.

Moreover, speech for many did not end in June of their senior year. Students were often given the chance to receive scholarships or college recommendations.

Speech—an unspeakable experience.



Practicing for competition in prose is Tina Alvaro, senior. Tina placed third in the state tournament in poetry and was a semi-finalist in prose.

Filing evidence cards for an upcoming debate are Mike Dagle, junior, and Dave Corder, senior.



National Forensic League — FRONT ROW: Michelle Mezzapelle, Tina Alvaro, Sharon Glazer, Natalie Hinton, and Diana Jackson; SECOND ROW: Dave Corder, Amy Wilson, Jodi Bowers, Donna Merrifield, Betsy Talbott, and Mr. Robert Hawkins, adviser.

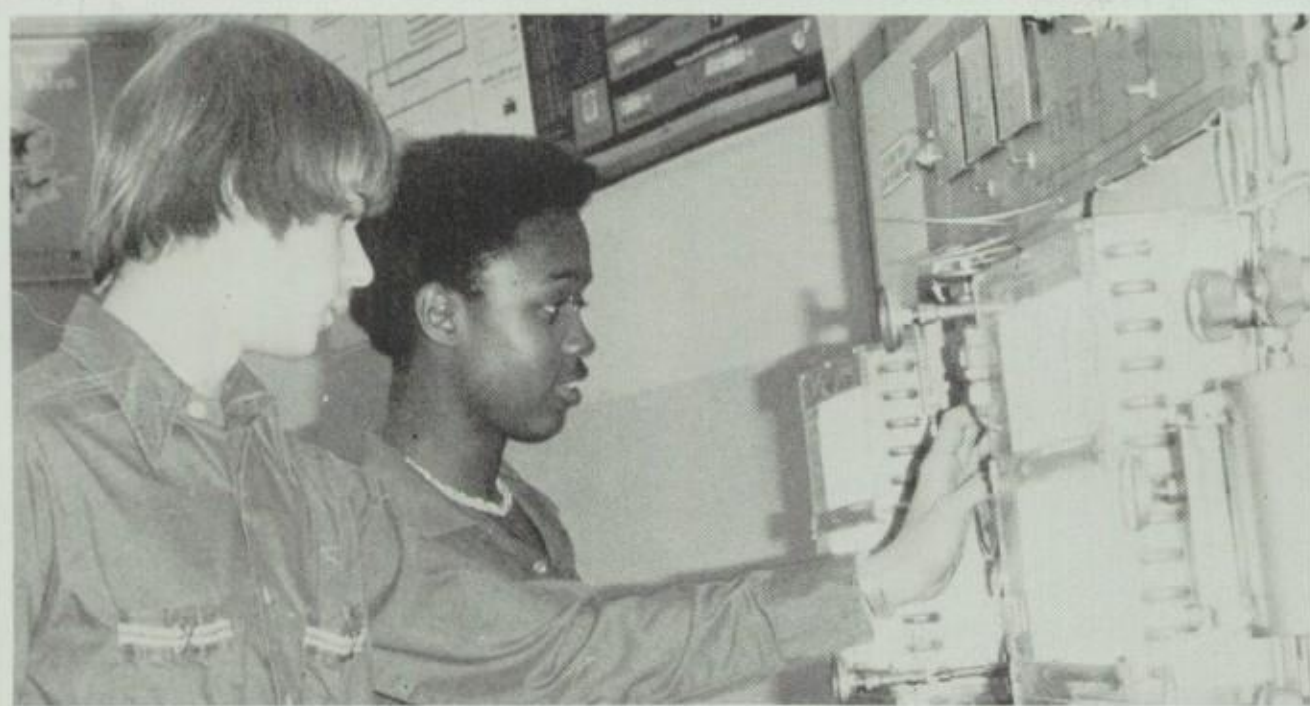
Performing a role reversal from "The Odd Couple," Michelle Mezzapelle and Amy Wilson, juniors, practice during class. They placed fifth in competition at West Virginia Wesleyan with the act.

Sparks fly as Greg Summers, junior, cuts steel with a cutting torch in the welding course at the Vocational Center.

Installing a wire in Residential Wiring class is Mark Layman, senior. Wall structures were erected in the classroom for experience.



VOCATIONAL CENTER



Adjusting a valve on an air conditioning appliance are James Glass and Curtis Wasner, juniors. This was both boys first year at the Center.

Learning the fundamentals of Radio and Television Repair are Ronald Vessecchia, senior, and Robert Greer, junior.



THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE



When most students arrived at school in the morning they generally stayed on campus, but 46 male students left at noon to take a special elective course at the Marion County Vocational Center.

Located on Jackson Street in downtown Fairmont, the Center offered Automotive Repair, Industrial Electricity, Radio and Television Electronics, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, Major Appliance Repair, Residential Wiring, and Welding.

Fifteen enrolled in the Automotive Repair program developed an understanding of the operating principles of the modern car. The five students who enrolled in the Industrial Electricity Course became acquainted with occupational opportunities in the electrical field and its specialized branches.

The Radio and Television Electronics attracted four boys. The eight students who had welding shop experience learned the components of assembling structural forms.

The three students in the Appliance Repair course learned the installation, maintenance, and repair of major household appliances and air conditioners. One of the students enrolled in this course, James Glass, junior, was elected president of the Center. He advised guys who want an interesting class to enroll there. The course proved worthwhile because as the number of household appliances grew, so did employment.

Jamie Gross, a senior, enrolled in the Residential Wiring course, took the class for credit and found it so interesting that he plans to make a career as a Residential Electrician.

There were approximately 193 students who attended the Center from all over the county. When the two-year courses were completed, each student was familiar with the tricks of his trade.

In the automotive course, Jeff Fleming and Toby Dukich, juniors, try to find what's wrong with the engine so they can repair it.

Sorting and packing Florida oranges and grapefruits are Lisa Campbell and Kim McDowell, juniors, Donna Merrifield, Cindy Dobreff, and Debra R. Crites, seniors.

Demonstrating the heritage of West Virginia, Shell Vilar, junior, and Joni Toothman and Merry Bet Oliveto, sophomores, sing in the washboard band at Kiwanis.



Designated as both white and blue clubs, a total of six service organizations found an outlet in the school as well as the community and became ...

People who need people



Volunteering for a service project during the summer months are Cindy Dobreff and Pam Hennen, seniors, as Mary Pat Wilson, senior, writes down the names.

During fall induction, Pam Cheslock, senior, pins her little sister Kelly Brown, sophomore, with a blue and white corsage.





How can one describe the feeling among a group of 57 girls who have spent 20 hours in the close quarters of a "yellow greyhound" (school bus), who have seen the smiles on the faces of families who live in homes with no floors or plumbing when receiving a food basket, who have survived the double loop roller coaster of King's Island, who have sold and sorted 40,000 pounds of fruit, who have spent hours honoring and serving the community, athletes, and fellow students, and who have learned the true purpose of competition? There is only one way—Keywanettes.

As their song went—"Friends we are and friends we'll ever be"—they discovered what it was to make life-long friends such as little or secret sisters, and what it was to gain a friend in a nursing home or at state convention.

However, their year was not without its downs. When Kiwanis International announced that the West Virginia Keywanettes district had never been approved, the club was in turmoil. It had to meet seven requirements or Key Club would go coed, thereby eliminating the Keywanettes.

With the help of Rev. Jack Squires and Mrs. Darlene Boyles, club sponsor, Donna Merrifield, state coordinator, and Sharon Heck, state treasurer, completed a book that was approved and Keywanettes were once again considered a state organization. At the state convention, spirit peaked and Fairmont Senior returned with next year's state coordinator Terri Cheslock and a first award in individual talent by Betsy Talbott, a first place in achievement, and a second place in scrapbook.

Together the club survived and as Betsy Talbott, president, stated, "With enthusiasm we worked together to make this year a success."



Keywanettes — FRONT ROW: Betsy Talbott, Margie Smith, Jennifer McLeary, Pam Hennen, Martha Nickolich, Lori Hales, Rita Currey, Shelly Vilar, Cindy Dobruff, Diana Fonte, Kristie Bundy, and Pam Cheslock; SECOND ROW: Lori Dodge, Louise Little, Denise Smith, Lori Mason, Mary Pat Wilson, Toni Parker, Rose Gerba, Merry Beth Oliveto, Sarah Schwartz, Joni Toothman, Gretchen Smith, Debra R. Crites, Becky Brown, and Diana Pellillo; THIRD ROW: Anne Clark, Debbie Soles, Debbie Rundle, Cathy Figler, Phoenixia Butler, Sharon Heck, Terri Cheslock, Carol Wilson, Debbie Dunlap, Jenny Eskew, Terri Hollen, Renee Helzer, Nan Charlton, Stephanie Hannon, Marcia Marshall, and Barbara Smyton.

Questioning an upcoming activity, Kelly Lemley, junior, participates in a club meeting held second period.

Polarettes — FRONT ROW: Kim Green, Wendy Shimer, Jennifer Little, Suzanne Purdy, Joyce Rose, and Ginny Haught; SECOND ROW: Kathy Schwartz, Tammy Geldbaugh, Brenda Paknik, Lynn Thompson,

Mindy Sherbs, and Diana Wells; THIRD ROW: Barbara Schwartz, Kay Dunnavant, Kim Frey, Candi Flaherty, Patty Haught, Mona Yelcich, and Mrs. Mary Roman, adviser.



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Needing people



Creating rabbits out of construction paper, Tammy Geldbaugh, senior, folds Honey Bunnies to be filled with candy. Tammy served as president.

At ease during a club meeting, Lynn Thompson, junior, finds a moment to laugh over discussion.





While members of Polarettes did not always find themselves in the spotlight, they conducted extensive service projects making them an essential part of the club circle.

Mrs. Mary Jo Roman, club sponsor, stated, "It's a small group of girls ... but a hard-working group."

Working as one, they carried out such projects as serving at the county-wide teachers meeting held in the school auditorium, and working with senior citizens at the Walnut Avenue Nursing Home, Friendly Homes complex, and Fairmont Arbors. Other activities included ringing bells for the Salvation Army, selling cards and stationary to raise money, and making Honey Bunnies at Easter.

Although Polarette members were not always recognized as being in the spotlight, their light shined on the people who were served by their willingness to give of themselves to others.

As part of their friendly visiting project, Kim Frey and Janice Dwyer, seniors, talk with Mrs. Hibbs at the Walnut Avenue Nursing Home.

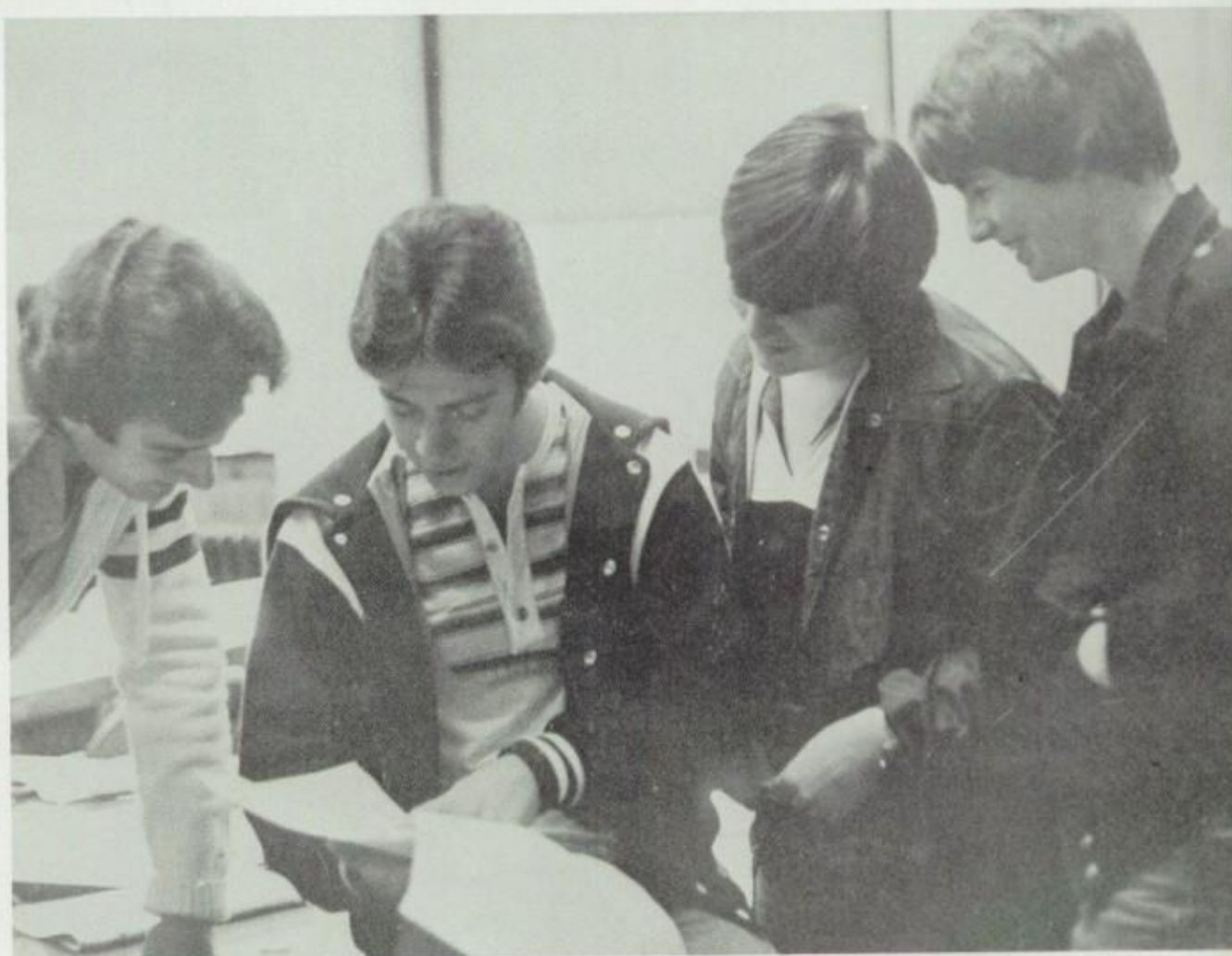


Discussing the plans for the Multiple Sclerosis drive with Miss Linda Pinnell, adviser, is Tom McDowell, senior.

Interact — FRONT ROW: Brad Waronicki, Brett McClain and Mike Wood; SECOND ROW: Gibbs Davidson, Bobby Yanero, Tom McDowell, and Miss Linda Pinnell.



Looking over the agenda for the next meeting are David Finamore and Anthony Finamore, juniors, and Jim Schulte and Lee Sesler, sophomores.





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Needing people

Recently, more emphasis has been placed on girl's service clubs rather than male organizations. Yet, two groups of young men forming Key Club and Interact were willing to give up a portion of their time to serve the school and community.

Whether it was collecting for UNICEF presiding over a campus clean-up, interclubbing with East Fairmont, or attending conventions, the Key Club experience was described by Tim McAteer, senior, as "an all around crazy kind of year."

Meanwhile, the 16-member Interact Club wasn't at a standstill either. Taking time out to better their club by sponsoring a membership drive, collecting for Multiple Sclerosis, and attempting to break the record of 29 hours in a basketball marathon for Muscular Dystrophy was part of the yearly routine.

The old routine of girl's service clubs getting the most attention was "fizzled out" when Key Club and Interact proved their worth in the school and community.

The eery atmosphere of Halloween is reproduced by a double exposure of Karen Mercer and Tim McAteer, seniors, at the Key Club Haunted House.



Key Club — FRONT ROW: Kevin Clarke, Mike Shan, Lenny Marra, Lee Sesler, Frank Saporito, John Prendergast, and Jeff Straight; SECOND ROW: Jim Schulte, Anthony Finamore, Dave Smith, David Finamore, Bart McClain, Gary LeDonne, Charlie Francis, and Jim Wolfe; THIRD ROW: Richard Viglianco, Tom Burns, Steve Talbott, Jim Riffle, Tom Asher, Bill Hatfield, and Gary McCutcheon.

Ready for his next victim is Jim Schulte, sophomore. He was one of the many attractions featured at the annual Haunted House.



Witnessing the signing of the proclamation of Black Awareness Week by Mayor Earl N. Straight is Black Culture Society president, Sharon Brown.



Black Culture Society member Carol Guin, sophomore, plans for an upcoming meeting.

finalize plans for the bake sale, Orphearl Jones, junior, meets with Mrs. Mary Jo Roman, adviser.

To make ends meet, club members Arthur Smith, Sharon Brown, and Lucy Brown total up treasury sums.



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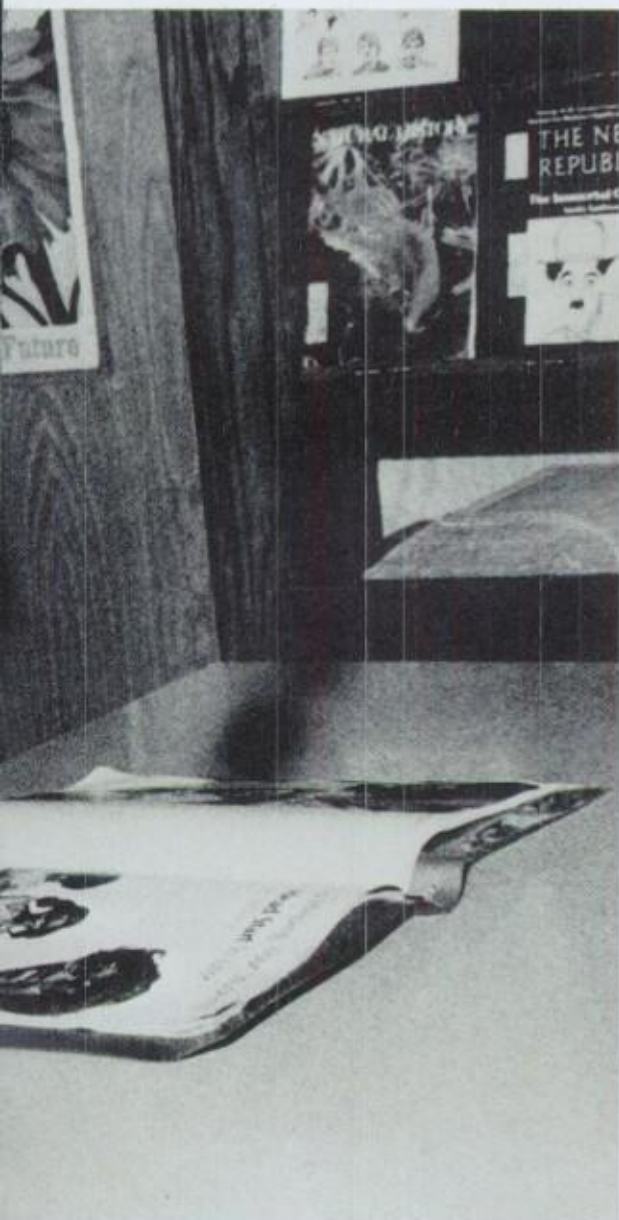
Needing people

Because of lack of transportation, Black Culture Society members met in their homes, instead of at school.

With the meager sum of 19 cents at the beginning of the year, Black Culture built up their treasury through a candy apple sale, soul food dinner, and bake sale. Another activity was "Black Awareness Week" highlighted by a program held at Morningstar Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Munnerlyn and Gregory Hinton serving as speakers. Members decorated school bulletin boards during the week.

Also, the eighth annual Unity Ball and the Little Miss Black Culture Society Pageant added to the club agenda. By the end of the year, the club had raised the whopping amount of \$901 used to pay off old and new bills.

Sharon Brown, president, attributed the success to "more cooperation from the kids." While different from other clubs, meeting in homes proved to be the key to participation for Black Culture Society.



Black Culture Society — FRONT ROW: Roslyn Turner, Elsie Jackson, Orphearl Jones, Frances English, Billy Campbell, Lucy Brown, and Chuckie Fluker; SECOND ROW: Brian Williams, Jonalinn Turner, Sharon Brown, Pamela Taylor, Robin Mickens, Sharon Hinton, and

Don Whiting; THIRD ROW: Mr. Joe Cavalier, adviser, Kim Turner, Carol Guin, Arthur Smith, Calvin Turner, Stevie Smith, Mike Williams, Anthony Horton, and Mrs. Mary Jo Roman, adviser.

Needing people

Christmas is always the time for toys as Tina Alvaro, Lori Hales, and Sharon Heck, seniors, check lists for the National Honor Society collection.

Twice during the year students piled into the auditorium to hear the names of those who had made "IT" called out.

"IT" is the 15 per cent of a class judged by the faculty to possess the highest degree of leadership, scholarship, character, and service.

To be eligible, students had to first have at least a 3.0 average, but the requirements didn't stop there. They were also the ones who continually sold candy bars and fruit and collected for charity. They spent endless hours at school rehearsing for plays, band shows, or working on journalism.

These 38 seniors and 15 juniors were rewarded by being inducted into the National Honor Society. The actual induction was supposed to be "Top Secret" but as usual, a few were tipped off when their parents tried to suggest that they dress nicely. Others figured out they were voted in when they sneaked a glance up at the balcony to see if good 'ole Mom or Dad was there. Following the induction, members and their parents met in the Home Economics room for refreshments.

Among the club service projects were giving food baskets to the needy at Christmas and Thanksgiving, collecting toys for the underprivileged children, and providing a tutoring service.



National Honor Society—FRONT ROW: Anne Clark, Martha Nickolich, Anne Marie Fanto, Tina Alvaro, Gretchen Smith, Louise Little, Rose Gerba, Pam Cheslock, and Tammy Hayhurst; SECOND ROW: Amy Bruce, vice president; Genny Raikes, secretary; Beth Meredith, Denise Smith, Kay Dunnivant, Lori

Hales, Sharon Heck, Donna Merrifield, Danette Hardman, and Miss Madeline Oliverio, sponsor; THIRD ROW: Debra Crites, Eddie Sine, John Guido, Jim Fetty, Mike Wood, Mike Shan, Betsy Talbott, and Lori Dodge, treasurer.



Tutoring is available to any student in the school. Denise Smith, senior, assisted Kathy Towson, freshman with her class work.



To aid underprivileged families, Debbie Crites, senior, prepares food baskets. This was one of the main projects.



Preparing the agenda for the next meeting are Miss Madeline Oliverio, adviser, and Gary McCutcheon, president.



HOW THE WEST WAS ONE



Whoever predicted this as the Year of the Bear captured what happened in sports. Though teams had their ups and downs, the ones remembered are the champions.

Most students turned fans and followed the football team from the first game sitting under umbrellas on wet bleachers to the final game in Ripley on snow-covered concrete with 20-mile per hour wind gusts.

Though few fans kept pace with them, the Cross Country team ran a muddy course at Elkins to win the State Meet in November and capture the first state championship for

West Fairmont in 17 years.

While the football and cross country teams dominated the headlines, there was a lot more to the sports season. The wrestling team won the Big Ten championship in Philippi over a threatening East Fairmont team. Varsity basketball, baseball, and golf were strengthened by a mass of returning lettermen. Coed programs, in girls' basketball, tennis, and track, grew stronger the longer they remained around.

It wasn't hard to understand why attendance at athletic events gave students something to cheer about.

Running through the Homecoming hoop at the Elkins game are Mike Boram, sophomore, Coach Bob DeLorenzo, and Stanley Skarzinski, sophomore.

RUNNING ALL THE WAY TO WIN STATE

Only a few minutes after running in the State Cross Country Meet on a muddy course at Elkins, the West Fairmont runners waited around to hear the results. Little did they know what they had just accomplished—winning the State Crown.

They packed up their title and headed back to Fairmont on that rainy Nov. 5. The Polar Bears had begun conditioning early in August, running approximately 9 miles at team practice plus what they ran individually.

The eight-member outfit started off



Leadership in Rod Hoylman, John Case, Tom Burns, and Mike Shan, seniors, is what made up the success of the cross country team.

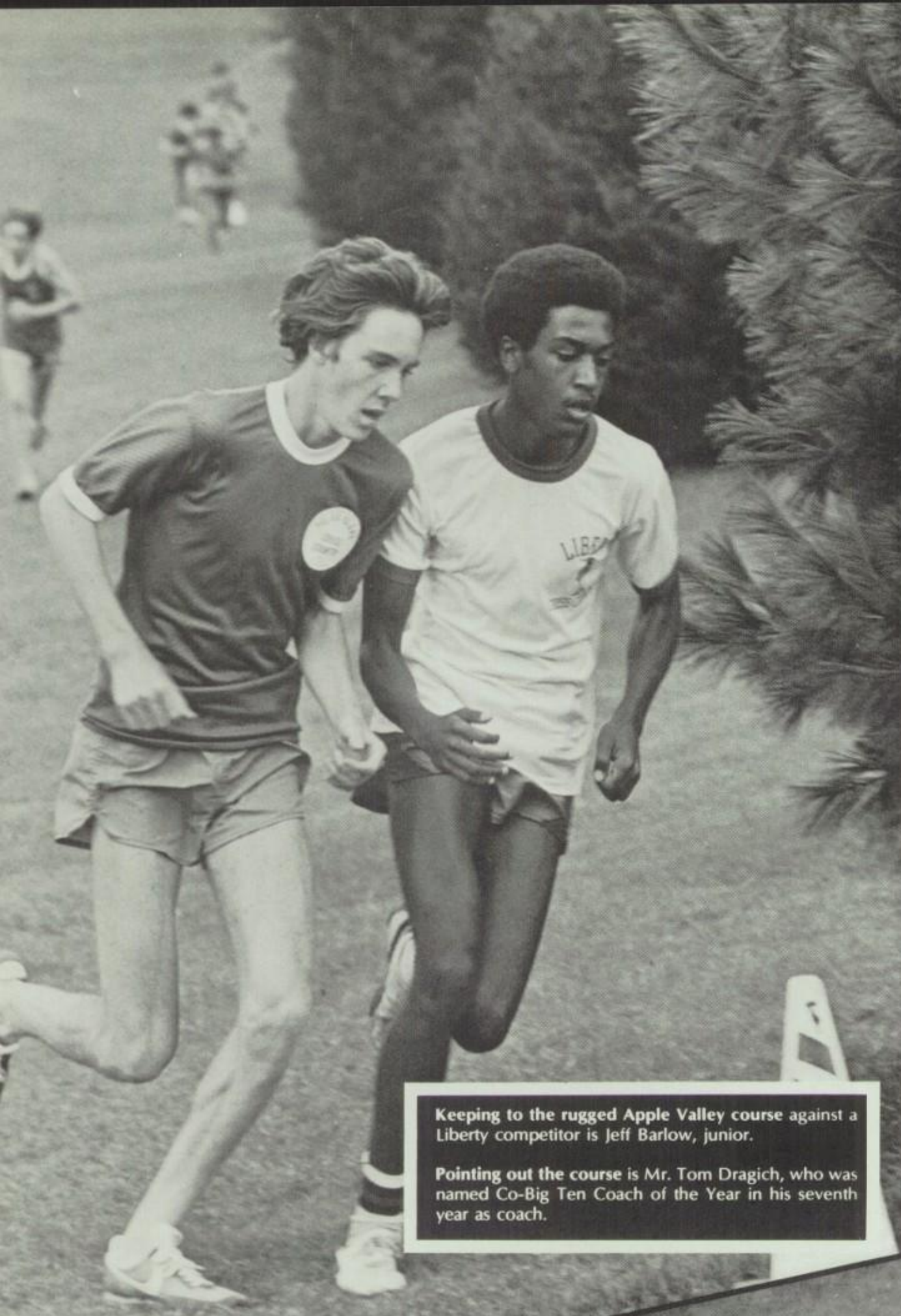
the season by dominating all other teams in the Big Ten Conference. They placed first in 4 Big Ten meets and second in the Monon Valley Open. A third place finish in the Ohio University Invitational and seventh place in the WVU Invitational showed the critics and others that they were the Number One team in West Virginia. The only teams to top them were from the Pennsylvania and Ohio areas.

After losing Jeff Barlow, junior, to a knee injury, the harriers were defeated by Elkins in both Big Ten and Regionals.



Dedication is the key to John Case's cross country life. Case, senior, prepared year-round; he took first place in 8 meets.

Cross Country Team—FRONT ROW: Eric Price, Mike Shan, Barry Michels, and Rodney Hoylman; SECOND ROW: Coach Tom Dragich, Tom Burns, Jeff Audia, Jeff Barlow and John Case.



Keeping to the rugged Apple Valley course against a Liberty competitor is Jeff Barlow, junior.

Pointing out the course is Mr. Tom Dragich, who was named Co-Big Ten Coach of the Year in his seventh year as coach.



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Running to win

With Case's first place finish, Tom Burns' fourth, Eric Price's eighth, and Mike Shan's twelfth in the Regionals, the team was able to qualify for the State Meet.

The stage was set. The location, Elkins a 3.2 mile course which took the runners through woods, over hills, and across streams. With the temperatures at 45 degrees, the gun sounded and off went the runners in the drizzling rain. The finish line saw Case, with a time of 17:07, place second behind the winner from Beckley.





Plunging in the creek is Tom Burns, senior, during the State Meet in which he finished twelfth. He was named to the Big Ten, Regional, and All-State teams.

The race was over, but controversy followed. Case and the Beckley runner took a wrong turn which actually sent them on a longer course. At 12:45, instead of the scheduled presentation of awards, officials went back to measure the course. After two hours of waiting, the official announcement was made: Fairmont Senior won by 1 point over Martinsburg.

Speechless, but excited, the Number One Bears headed to Fairmont to the scene of the East-West football game. As the champs ran in with the trophy in their possession, the crowd showed its approval. The Bear runners finally realized what they had just achieved—they had run all the way to win State.



CROSS COUNTRY RECORD

Monon-Valley Open	2nd place
Ohio University Invitational	3rd place
WVU Invitational	7th place
Jonh Marshall Invitational	4th place
Davis and Elkins Invitational	11th place
Big Ten Championship	2nd place
Regional Meet	2nd place
State Meet	1st place

Dotting the beginning lines of a race are West runners Eric Price, freshman, Jeff Audià, junior, and Mike Shan and Tom Burns, seniors.

Warming up before a meet, Jeff Barlow, junior and Eric Price, freshman, attempt sit-ups to warm and loosen their muscles in the grass of Apple Valley.





Some laughed. Some shook their heads. Others sat not caring one way or another as the varsity football team took the stage at the first thuse.

Senior quarterback Steve Smith stated coolly, "We're going to State."

With those 4 little words, the magic started the Polar Bears down the road to a perfect 10-0 season, a Big Ten Championship, the Number One rating in the state for 6 weeks, and a berth in the state play-offs.

It lead to the highest school spirit in

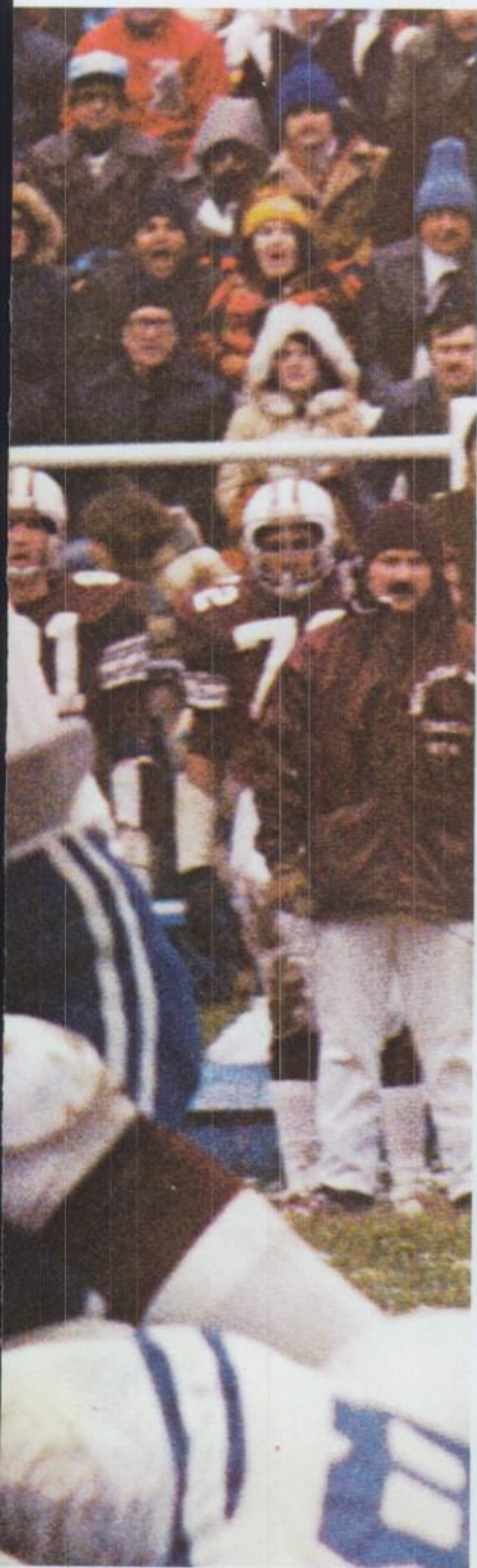
years, bumper stickers saying, "Polar Bears Love Football," and jerseys with "No. 1" on them. In the final game, what began as laughter turned to tears as the Bears came 12 inches away from the state championship—so close it hurt.

Before the season had even opened, people were talking about the Polar Bears. And even the Polar Bears were talking about the Polar Bears.

"This is it," they said. "This is the year. We're gonna be good."

Coach "D" and his team were so psyched up before the first game that they practiced how to get out of the huddle 5 times. Enthusiasm mounted rapidly as West knocked off 2 of the 3 teams to beat in the Big Ten—Morgantown and Buckhannon.

And then there was one. Billed as "The Game of the Year," the Bridgeport contest created as much excitement as any game could. People left for the event, just 15 miles away, as early as 4:30 p.m.



So CLOSE IT HURT



The price of a championship is paid by Kenny Washington of Beckley as Bear defenders Randy Jones, Mike Cale, and Calvin Turner apply the punishment.

Struggling for yardage, Reggie Armstead is overwhelmed by Huskie defenders. Assisting on the play is John Paul Daristotle, Jones, and Turner.

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So close

No doubt about it the Polar Bears were truly Number One after a 14-12 victory over previously undefeated Bridgeport on Halloween night.

"Let's take a minute," says Coach Bob DeLorenzo as the boys in blue bow their heads in prayer. This was a ritual before each game.



Signs on I-79 told fans, "Turn back Bears" and "This way to defeat." All but the skeptics knew better. The tension-filled contest saw West down at halftime by 6 points. But they came back and convinced most people that they deserved their Number One rating that night.

Then it was play-off time. West was to battle Herbert Hoover in the first round. People were sky high with "Polar Fever" as thuses were held, a WMMN telethon was aired to fire up the team, and businesses

exhibited "Good Luck" signs.

The sunny Saturday soon arrived. In 1973 West had lost to Weir High after a similar 10-0 season, but history was not to repeat itself.

An airplane flew overhead with "Go Bears-'77" trailing behind it. And go they did. The DeLorenzo men took the lead and kept it to put them into the finals.

Nov. 26 in Ripley was a cold and blustery day with Mother Nature on neither team's side. Snow fell steadily with a wind chill

factor of 45 below.

Between both previously potent offenses, only 6 points were scored, and they all belonged to Beckley. West's big chance to cross the goal line was broken on the 1-foot line as the snap from frozen fingers never connected, and a maroon-shirted player came up with the ball.

The dream was over and what followed was tears. The Bears went all the way for the first time in 20 years and came just 12 inches from winning—so close it hurt.

aching techniques of the "D" show his style. He is named Big Ten and Marion County Coach of the year.



On the way to another touchdown is Dave Hannah, wide receiver. Hannah caught 2 TD passes in the Herbert Hoover game.

The Blue Crush, consisting of Gross, Linear, and Cale, lays out Huskie back Steve Blizzard.

So close

GAME 1 It was the beginning of a perfect regular season. The Polar Bears revenged last year's loss by blanking the Lewis County Minutemen, 13-0. Steve Smith, senior, threw for 197 yards and a touchdown, while Reggie Armstead, junior running back, completed the scoring. The Bears, despite the rain, were on their way.

GAME 2 Morgantown came to East-West Stadium with state-bound written all over them and for a brief time gave West Siders a scare when they were down, 15-8. However, it wasn't long before the DeLorenzo men turned loose a scoring tandem of

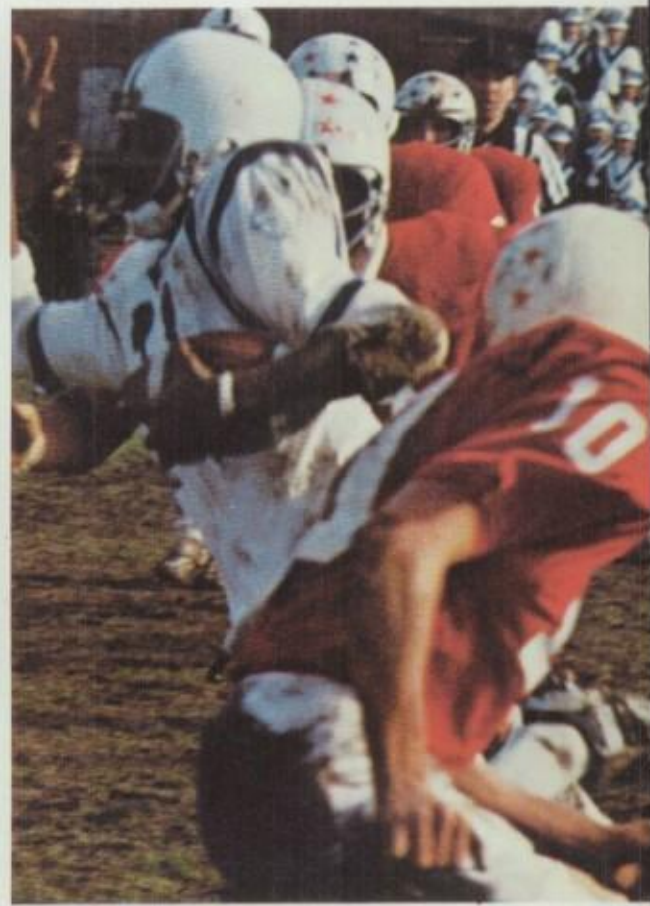
Armstead, a running game of Skeeter Delligatti, senior, an interception by Mike Cale, junior, and a Bear Wall that held Morgantown to minus yardage in the second half. The final score: West 30, Morgantown 15.

GAME 3 The soggy night was a let-up for everyone, that is, everyone except Reggie Armstead. The Blue Wave beat Philip-Barbour, 19-6, but mostly due to Armstead's rushing 240 yards and making all 3 TD's.

GAME 4 The Polar Bears picked up their fourth victory against the Grafton Bearcats in an

away game by a 27-3 tally. The Loop Park gridders fell behind early in the game by a slight 3-0 score, but Turner intercepted a pass on the 2-yard line and bulled 98 yards for the longest score of the season as the Bears added to their reputation as a second-half team. Smith, Delligatti, and Armstead all scored to complete the final numbers.

GAME 5 Liberty became West's next victim as the boys rolled up a big 28-0 lead in the second quarter and went on to take the game, 34-22. Delligatti, Turner, Armstead,



On the way to a touchdown against the Elkins Tigers is Skeeter Delligatti, fullback. Paving the way are Danny Phillips and Mike Burdoff.

Taking to the field before the Huskie game is the Number One ranked, state-bound Bears.

Escaping from pursuit, Stevie Smith gains tough yards as Hoover defensive back Eddie Huffman converges for the tackle.

and Gary McCutcheon, senior, scored along with a 43-yard burst from Bill Campbell, junior, to end the West scoring. After the game, the Bears were heard shouting "Pop Zopp" in anticipation of their next game with Coach Zopp's Buc-Ups.

GAME 6 The spirit was high as fans brought flags, and signs galore to boost the team when Buckhannon-Upshur came to town. However, the effort seemed in vain as the Bears found themselves psyched out by the military tactics of the Buc-Ups.

They were down 16-6 at halftime, but in

the gray locker room Coach "D" simply said, "Boys, it's out there for you, if you want it."

Final score: West 34, Buckhannon 16. Smith scored after a long drive and after a Buc-Up punt scored again. Armstead threw a 32-yard halfback pass to Turner and also scored on a 5-yard run.

GAME 7 Homecoming night arrived as the "Grab the Tigers by the Tails" signs flew, and that the Polar Bears did. The Blue and White donned new toboggans before the game and were heard shouting "ONE" dur-

ing warm-ups. The Bears breezed 21-0 as Smith scored twice and Armstead once.

GAME 8 Now it was Washington Irving's turn. Since WI had a losing record, West fans were worried that the Bears would let up a little or look ahead too much to the next week's big game.

But, the Blue Wave scored on its first 5 possessions, went on to defeat the Hilltoppers, 35-14, and held on to their newly acquired top ranking. Armstead scored three times while Delligatti added two. Next week—"The Game of the Year."



Recovering the fumble that sent the Bears to the state finals are Dave Hannah, Randy Jones, Mike Dublin, Mike Burdoff, Mike Cale, and Boo Linear.

So close

GAME 9 It was truly the "Game of the Year," at least for West Siders. The Bridgeport stands were packed with 5,000 fans for the showdown on Halloween night. Tension was high for everything was at stake—undefeated seasons, the Big Ten title, and a state tournament berth.

The Indians took a 6-0 lead to the locker room at halftime, much to the delight of Bridgeport fans, but like the opponent's lead all year, it didn't last. On a fourth and 15, Greg Gross caught a 26-yard pass and the "High men" were rolling again. West

got all the way to the 5 where Smith rolled left to score, followed by McCutcheon's kick to give Fairmont a 7-6 lead.

After the defensive wall stopped Bridgeport again, the Bears scored on a reverse by Smith and West went ahead 14-6, but Bridgeport did not give up. It was late in the fourth quarter when quarterback Todd Fulks completed a touchdown pass to Jack Childers to make it 14-12. That was how it ended for All-State running back Don Babuschak couldn't get across the goal line for the 2-point conversion.

GAME 10 It was time for the annual East-West Classic, alias "The Mud Bowl." All West needed to complete the spotless regular season was a victory over the hapless Bees, and a 21-0 score did the job. Deiligatti scored twice and Boo Linear ran an interception from 50 yards out to complete the scoring coupled with McCutcheon's 3 for 3 in the kicking department.

GAME 11 Season number two started with the eleventh game, and all the



Passing form is shown by Stevie Smith. The pass was completed to Hannah to knot the score, 7-7.



After a crucial interception, Clifton Campbell, strong safety, heads for paydirt. This key plan took place during

the third quarter of the semi-final game against Herbert-Hoover at the East-West Stadium.

sy teams were behind the Bears; West's e was Kanawha Valley champion Herbert over.

The Huskies were 10-0 like the Fair- onters, but were predicted by most orts scribes to win. The game started th Greg Keenan, halfback, rambling 50 rds for a Huskie TD, but then Smith rew 3 touchdown passes, 2 to Hannah d 1 to Gross. Jones, Turner, & Co. held a usky drive to give the Polar Bears the up- t, 20-14. Skeptics were finally convinced at a northern team could be good.

AME 12 West vs. Beckley, the top two teams in the state. This was what it

was all about, but Nov. 26 was no day for it. Snow and freezing weather turned the game into a cold, hard defensive battle.

A Beckley score by Randy Glenn in the first quarter produced the only points of the day. Near the end of the game, Smith fired a 66-yard toss to Hannah to put the ball on the 7-yard line. After driving to the 1-foot line, the thoughts of the crowd turned to kicker Gary McCutcheon who was warming up for the extra point attempt. But, he never got the chance.

The snap from Paul Hayhurst, center, to Smith failed to connect and Beckley recovered the fumble, turning a terrific season into a heartbreaker.

FOOTBALL RECORD

West	13	Lewis County	0
West	30	Morgantown	15
West	19	Phillip Barbour	6
West	27	Grafton	3
West	34	Liberty	22
West	34	Buckhannon	16
West	21	Elkins	0
West	35	Washington Irving	14
West	14	Bridgeport	12
West	21	East	0

PLAY-OFFS			
West	20	Herbert Hoover	14

STATE FINALS			
West	0	Beckley	6

Won:	11	Lost:	1
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receiving football awards were FRONT ROW: Ron etton and Skeeter Delligatti; SECOND ROW: Mike ale, Reggie Armstead, and Mike Burdoff; THIRD ROW: Stevie Smith, Boo Linear, Jim Fetty, Phil Massi-

nople, and Gary McCutcheon; FOURTH ROW: Greg Gross, Randy Jones, Dave Hannah, Calvin Turner, and John Paul Daristotle.



A 40-yard fake punt run by Jim Fetty, senior, went to East Fairmont's 2-yard line and set up West's second touchdown.



A BIT OF MISFORTUNE



Laying the basket is Sharon Eddy, senior, against arch-rival East Fairmont.

Time out strategy is laid out by Coach Ellie Zanin. Squad members are Ellen Glazer, Carol Guin, Donna Lampkin, Jody Saunders, Cathy Towson, Donna Jean Payne, Denise Hall, and Sharon Eddy.



Laying it up for two is Donna Jean Payne, sophomore center, against Bridgeport.

At 6:30 the doors of the Fifth Street Gym opened and instantly the smell of Converse basketball shoes hit the air. Descending the dungeon stairs, the players donned their newly-washed Blue and Whites and a silence fell over the team as Coach "Z" fired her last instructions to her dedicated dribblers.

Starting off their fourth season, the Polar Bear coeds faced a bigger and tougher schedule than ever. The first game placed them against Washington Irving, the runner-up in the state tournament last year. They were defeated, 62-48, and lost the services of starting forward and second leading rebounder Sharon Eddy, senior, with an ankle injury.

The Polar Bears lost the next 2 out of 3 games, plus another player to an injury when Terri Cavallo, senior, was taken to the hospital while playing at Elkins. The girls went on to win in double over-time by the score of 45-43.

During the remainder of the season, they began to get their game plan together as players started coming back from injuries. Showing the most balanced attack over Shinnston, Anne Marie Fanto, Genny Raikes, and Cavallo, seniors, scored 38, 20, and 12 points respectively to lead the Polar Bears to their most impressive win of the season with the score 80-57.

BIT OF MISFORTUNE

However, bad luck graced the team again when Fanto, leading scorer for the team, Big Ten, and second in Marion County, was knocked out of action with an ankle injury during the Bridgeport game which the Bears lost by the score of 53-41.

With their season record at 8-12, the Bears went into sectional play against Morgantown, the strongest team in the Big Ten and the eventual state champs. Usually substituting freely in previous games, the Mohigans were forced to leave their starting five in for the entire game. The final score was 69-54. Fanto and Raikes led the Bears on the board with 27 and 11 points respectively; they were also named to the

All-Tournament team.

With the season over, awards followed. Fanto, with a 21.7 average per game, received first team honors from All-Marion County and All-Big Ten, and a second team selection on All-State. Raikes, who led the team in assists, was also named to the All-Marion County team and honorable mention on All-State. A selection for honorable mention on the All-Marion and All-Big Ten teams was Eddy.

It was all over and for the last time the sweaty Blue and Whites and converse basketball shoes were stashed into an adidas bag and the players filed out into the deserted court.



Girls' Basketball Team—FRONT ROW: Bridget Blake, Ellen Glazer, Anne Marie Fanto, Genny Raikes, Terri Cavallo, Jody Saunders, and Cathy Towson; SECOND ROW: Coach Ellie Zanin, Donna Lampkin, Amy Henry, Sharon Eddy, Denise Hall, Donna Jean Payne, Janet Clayton, and Carol Guin.

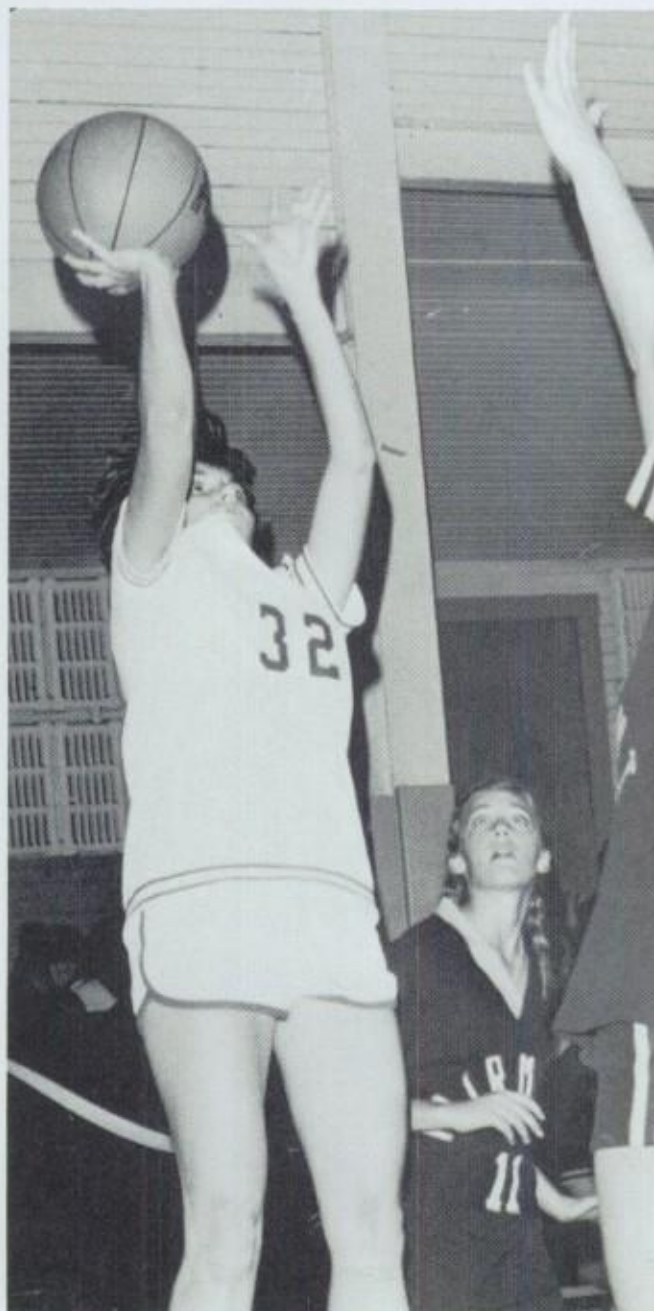
Dribbling past East defender is senior guard Genny Raikes. Raikes, co-captain, led the team in assists.





Making her move against Bridgeport is Anne Marie Fanto, senior co-captain. Fanto, the leading team scorer, was benched with an injury in the game.

Struggling for the ball is junior forward Janet Clayton. Clayton moved the team with an average of 12.3 rebounds per game.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL RECORD			
West	48	Washington Irving	62
West	51	Philip-Barbour	37
West	35	Bridgeport	45
West	31	Lewis County	47
West	45	Elkins	43
West	54	Buckhannon-Upshur	64
West	58	East Fairmont	28
West	50	Lewis County	52
West	70	Shinnston	47
West	43	Liberty	54
West	46	Philip-Barbour	41
West	41	Morgantown	57
West	51	Washington Irving	66
West	57	Buckhannon-Upshur	67
West	62	East Fairmont	45
West	80	Shinnston	57
West	41	Bridgeport	53
West	52	Liberty	55
West	34	Morgantown	59
West	57	Elkins	40
SECTIONAL			
West	54	Morgantown	69
Won:	8	Lost:	13

Wrist action is the key to good shooting as Terri Cavallo, senior, goes up for a shot in a game against the East Fairmont Bees.

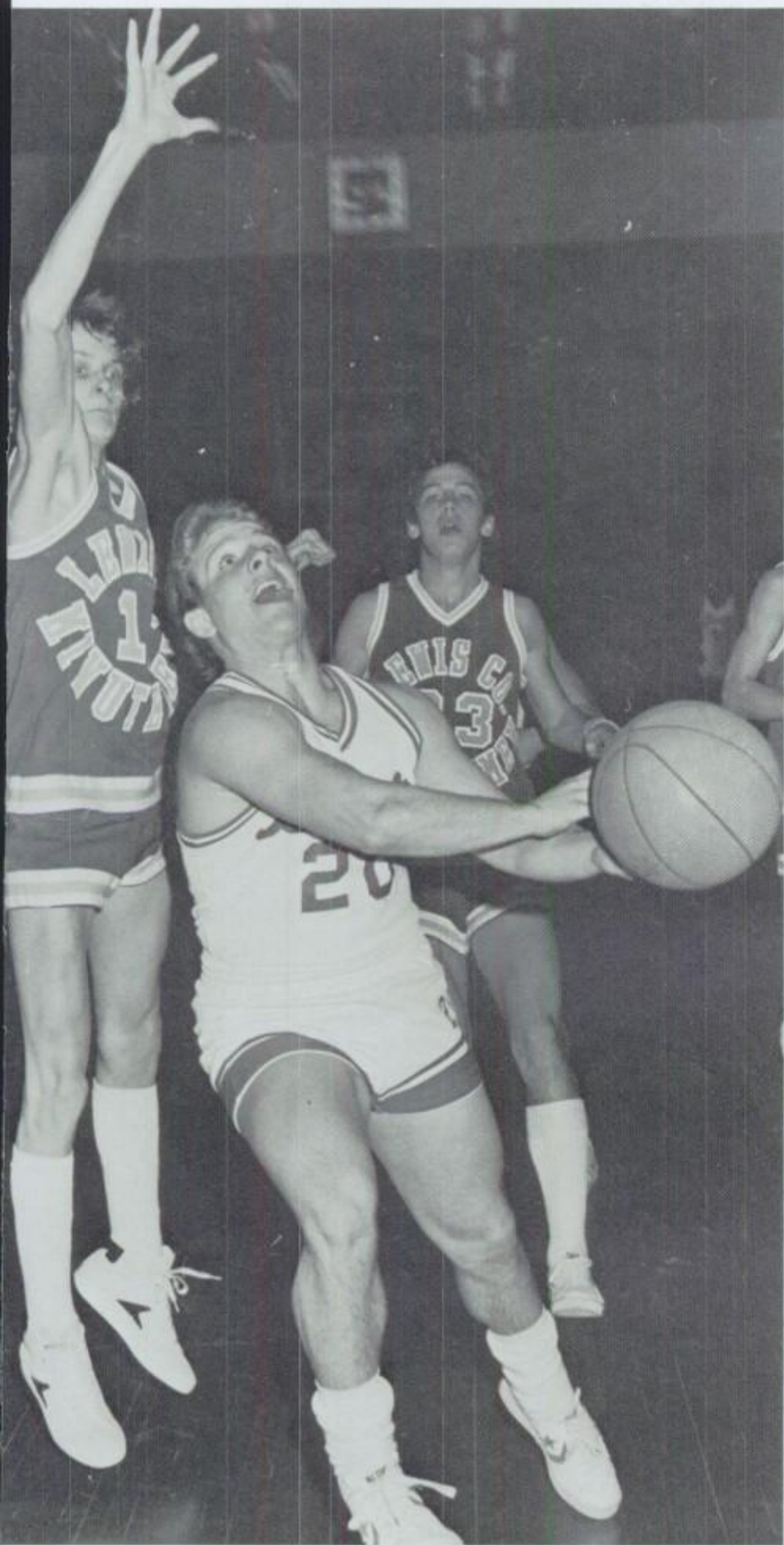


Two points are scored by Reggie Armstead, junior. On defense for East is John Mezzanotte.

Beating the zone, Larry Miles, senior, scores 2 points against Washington Irving. Defending for W-I are Jim Randolph, Parke Thrush, and Stan Cleavenger while Reggie Armstead and Dave Hannah set for the rebound.



A JOURNEY TO



Battling against Minutemen, Ronnie Retton, junior, goes for a lay-up. On the pursuit for Lewis County are Hitt, and Coughlin.

4-5

That's the way the varsity basketball season started out—4 wins and 5 losses. Little did anyone know, at that time, the same group owning a 4-5 mark were on a journey to the State Tourney.

The season started rather positive with an easy victory over Philip-Barbour, but then came a brick wall in Washington-Irving. The Hilltoppers, led by 2 time All-Stater Jeff Schneider, were ranked Number One in pre-season polls and were expected to take the Big Ten easily, but West was picked to be W-I's biggest stumbling block! However, the men of Blue and White didn't prove much of a hurdle as they lost, 72-51, and to make matters worse the Bears went on to drop an overtime match to East, 68-63.

The Bears split the next 6 games then BAH BOOM! The Year of the Bear took place again.

The fired-up West Siders of Coach Bill Reppert took a nail-biting 70-63 grudge match in overtime from the Bees of East and just kept on rolling!

Straight victories over Elkins, Liberty, Lewis County, Morgantown, Elkins (again), Bridgeport, and Philip-Barbour gave the Loop Park bunch a shining 8-game winning streak and second place in the Big Ten with a 12-5 ledger.

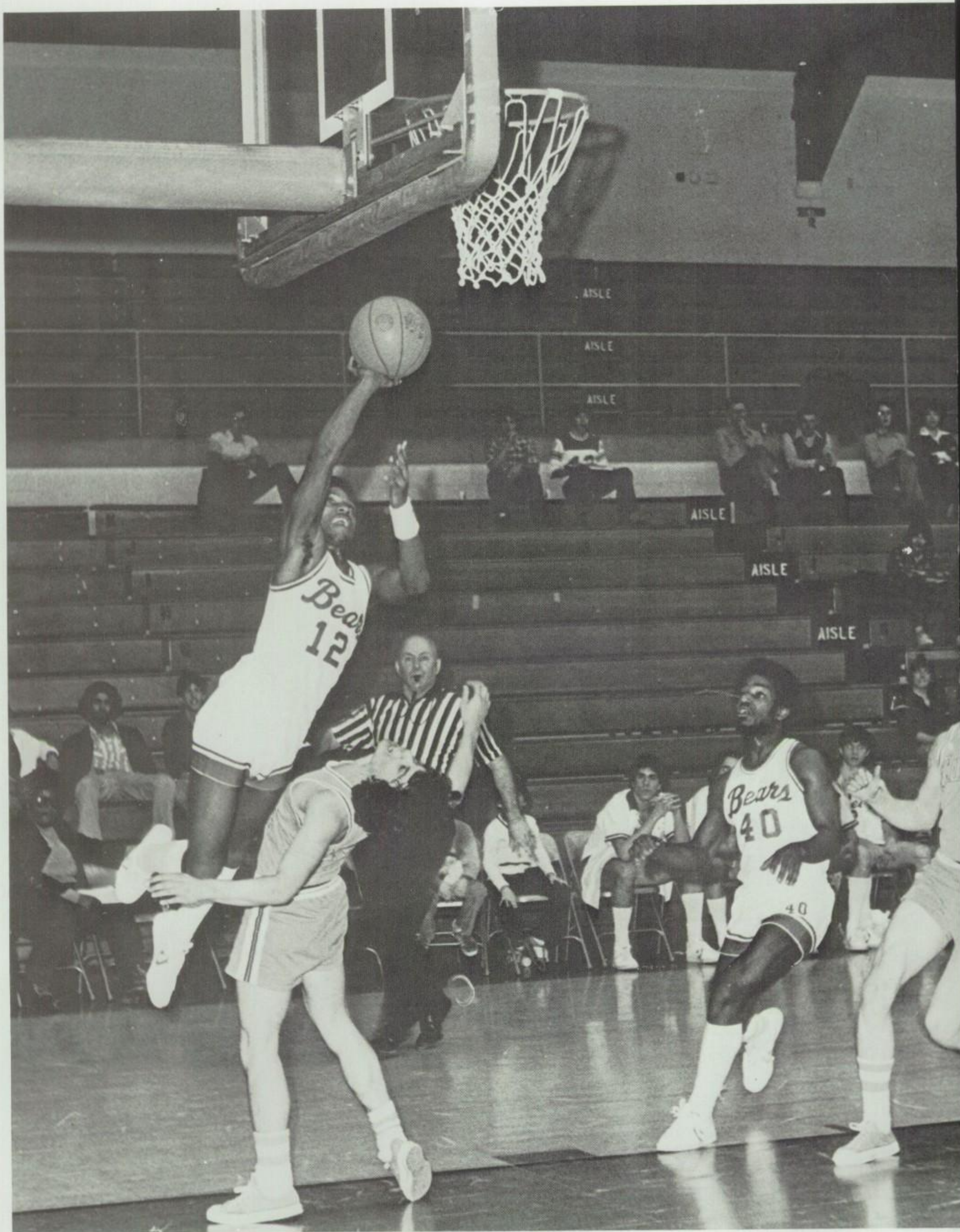
Enter W-I. The city was buzzing with optimism about the red hot Bears as game day arrived. The Armory was filled to the brim, the sections were cheering, and a sign from the West half was unveiled asking the question "Jeff who?"

The game, which all the Big Ten had their eyes on, finally came. The Blue boys kept it close, real close. The halftime score was 33-31 in favor of the Hilltoppers, but an upset was not to be. W-I clipped the Polar Bears by 11 and total dominance was theirs.

The cagers, led by seniors Dave Hannah, Johnny Joe Mentus, Larry Miles, and Stevie Smith went on to drop their last 2 contests to Buckhannon and Lewis County before the "second season."

Then came Chapter 2. The basketballers had to forget their season and concentrate on the play-off picture. Foe number one was the pesky Bees from across the river. Before the game, Hannah was heard saying, "These guys scare me to death. When they play us, everything they shoot goes in."

THE TOURNEY



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But everything didn't go in. West took a thrilling 49-47 victory as Smith calmly sunk 2 foul shots with 10 seconds to go. The last shot by East forward Randy Ailstock fell short and West broke its 3-game losing streak and, most importantly, advanced to the sectional finals.

The first leg of the journey was completed. The Bears next opponent was the Mohigans of Morgantown for the sectional

championship.

Morgantown had beaten the Reppert-five earlier, 64-55, but West laid a 70-60 job on them in the last meeting.

At the end of regulation time, the scoreboard showed a deadlock at 52 all and at the end of the first overtime 54 all. But, when the last buzzer sounded, Mentus was wearing the net over his head and a big smile on his face; West had won, 58-56.

Fairmont Senior was the Sectional champ for the second straight year, but was now up for their first Regional crown in 19 years. The papers didn't give the Bears much of a chance against the taller Jefferson County team; in fact, neither did many Polar Bear fans. But "The Comeback Kids" (as John Veasey, editor of the city newspaper, called them) showed the stuff they were made of.



To the rescue, Ronnie "Popgun" Everhart, sophomore, drives to the basket against John Mezzanotte of East Fairmont.

Driving to the hoop over Tim Wilfong of Philip-Barbour, Steve Smith, senior, adds 2 to stabilize a 57-51 victory over the Colts. Reggie Armstead follows for the rebound.



Over a grueling rebound, leading scorer Dave Hannah and leading rebounder Larry Miles fight with East Fairmont.

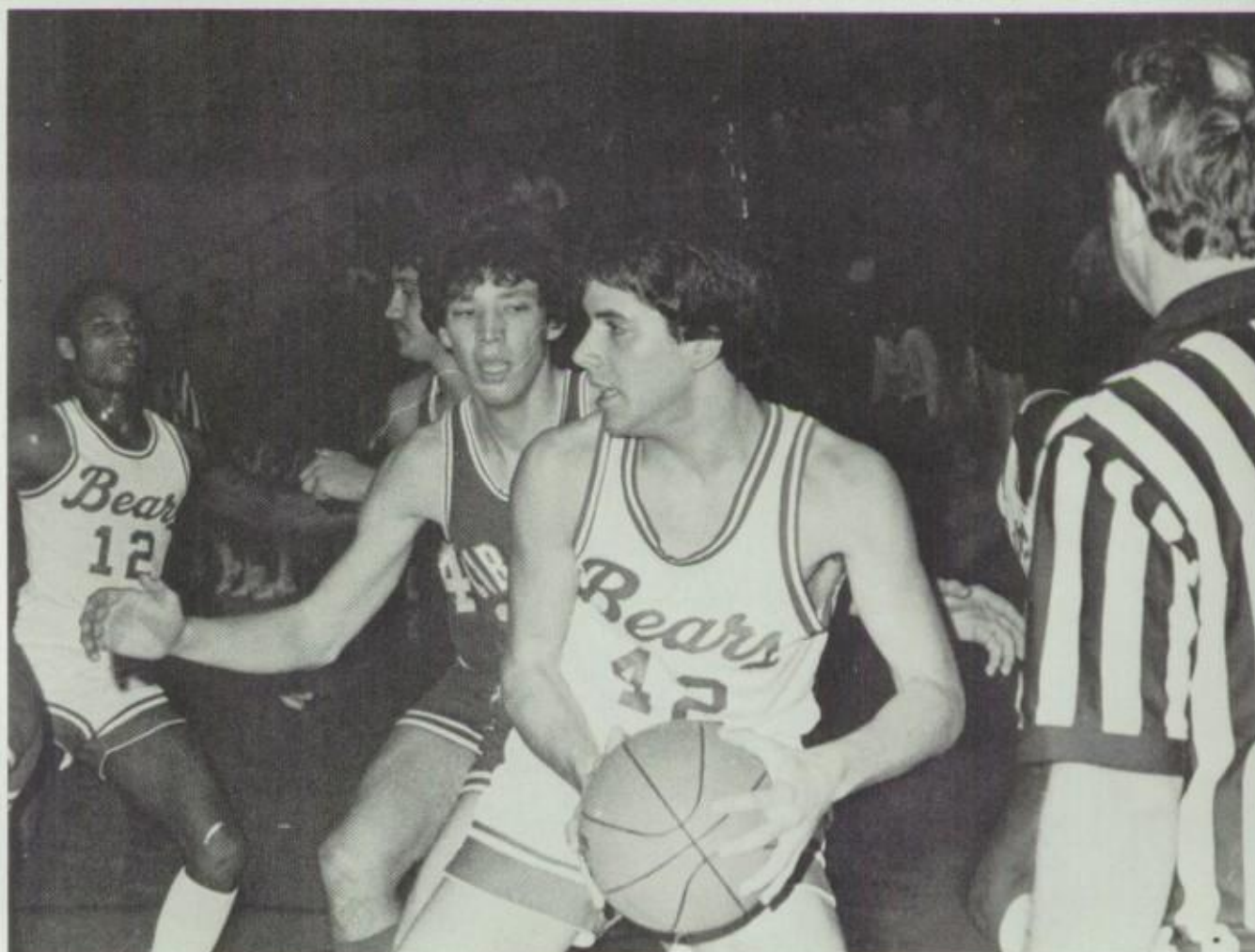
Controlling the ball, John Mentus, senior, dribbles up court in the sectional tournaments. The Bears went on to beat East, 49-47.

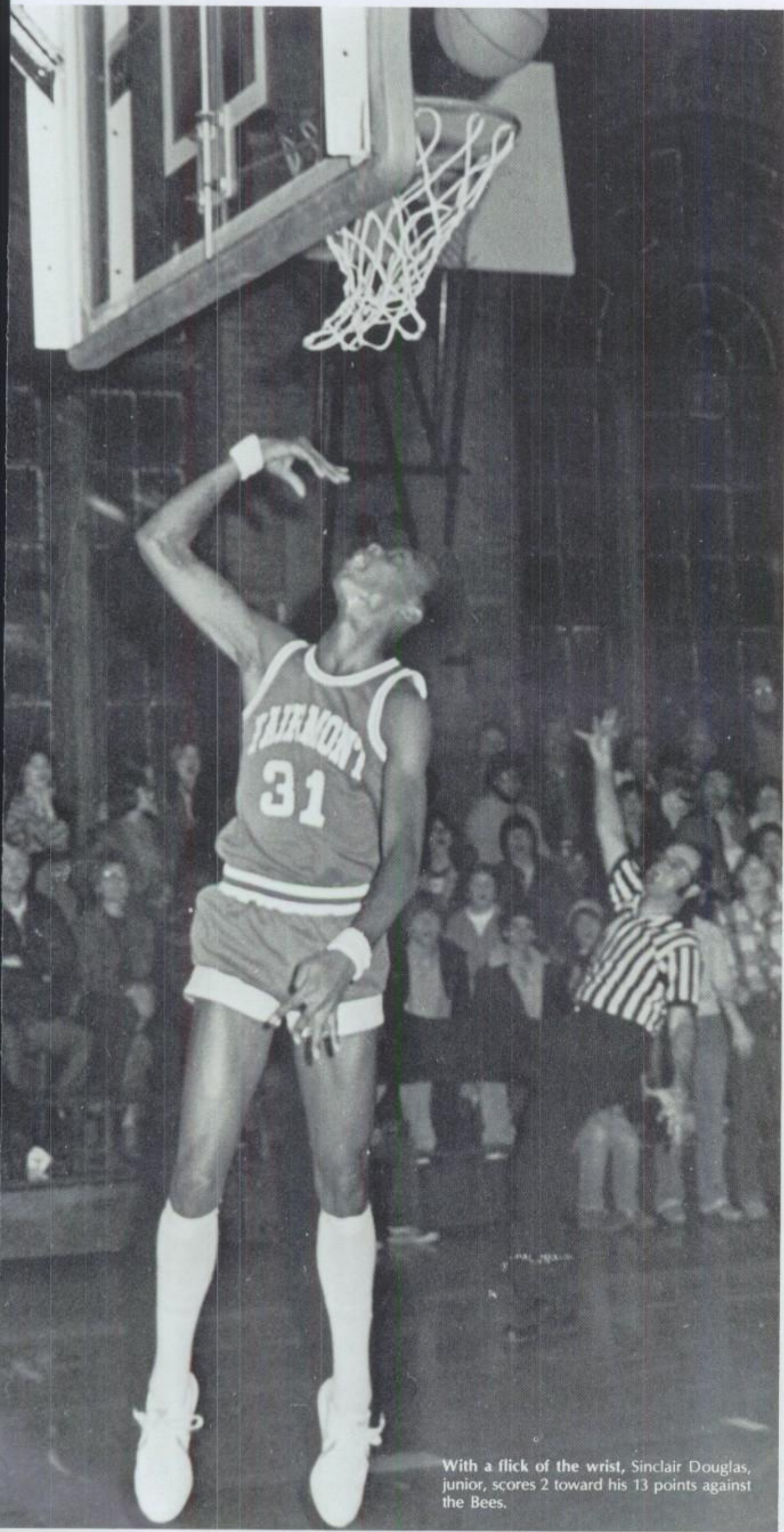
During a halftime sermon, Coach Bill Reppert discusses first-half action with team members Larry Miles, Dave Hannah, John Mentus, and Reggie Armstead.



Varsity Basketball—John Layman, manager, John Mentus, Steve Smith, Danny Phillips, John Paul Daristotle, Sinclair Douglas, Dave Hannah, Larry Miles, Jeff Audia, Reggie Armstead, Ron Everhart, Ronnie Retton, and Scott Reppert, statistician.

Pursued by Liberty defenders, John Daristotle, junior, looks for an open man as Steve Smith, senior, anticipates an outlet pass.





With a flick of the wrist, Sinclair Douglas, junior, scores 2 toward his 13 points against the Bees.

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A JOURNEY

The fired-up crowd pushed the team past a tenacious defensive press to a how-sweet-it-is 66-61 overtime win. Whoops of happiness were heard clear in New York as the Polar Bears of Fairmont Senior were to be among the 8 teams in the State Tournament.

Charleston was the next stop for the team and flocks of fans, who were excused from school, followed. The Bears were called "the toast of the county" and radio stations across the state carried the game.

West drew a very familiar team in the first round—namely the Beckley Flying Eagles (the lone victor over West in football). The players all wanted revenge badly, but Beckley was too tough. An awesome defensive press and a torrid shooting game guided Beckley to a 41-point trouncing, 97-56. But as Coach Reppert said in *The Times-West Virginian*, "We weren't even supposed to be here."

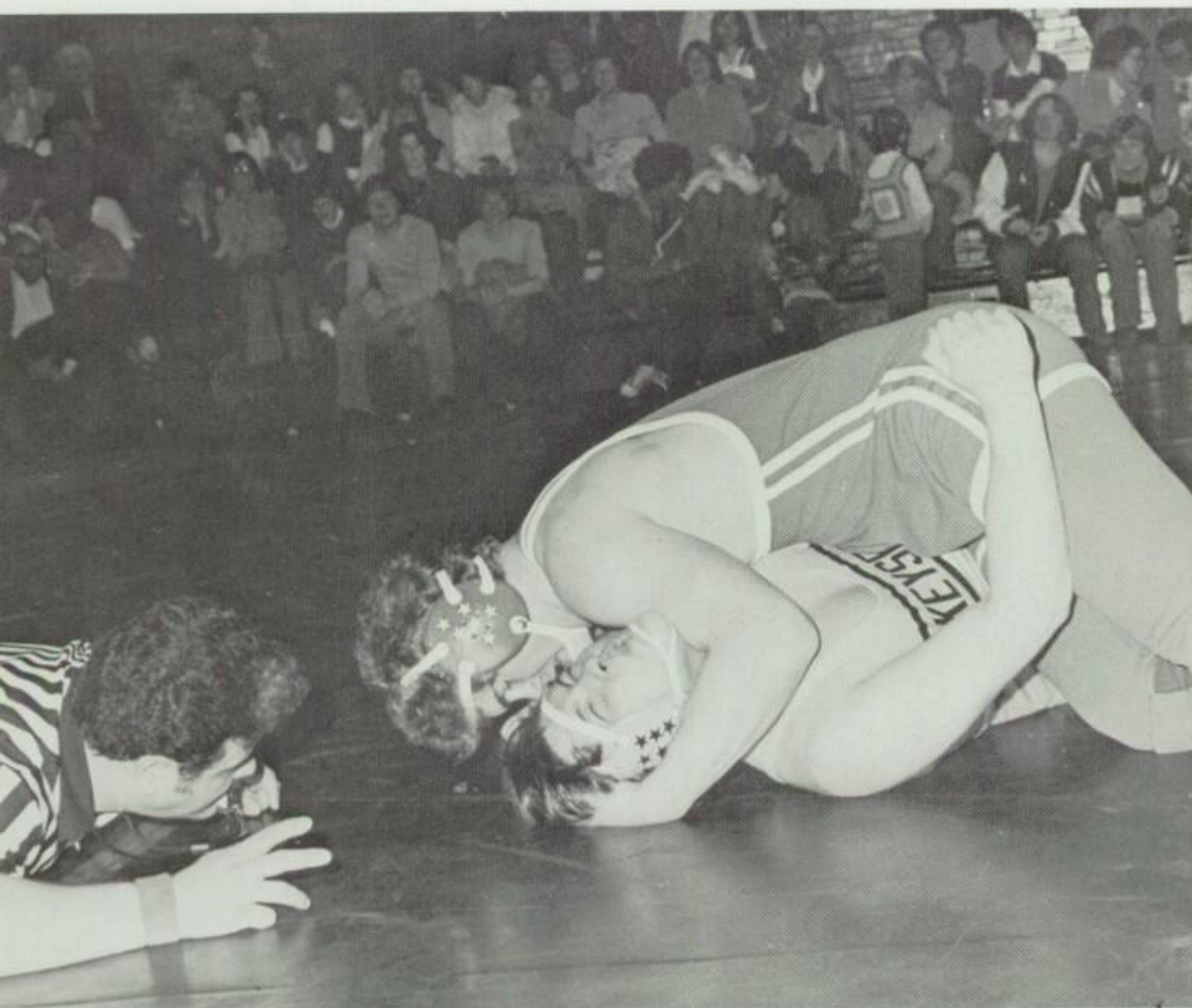
That was it. The Bears had taken a journey to the State Tourney. After yo-yoing through the regular season, they appeared in Charleston for the first time since 1959. It was a long journey, a tense journey, and at times a depressing journey, but wasn't it fun getting there?

BASKETBALL RECORD

West	61	Philip-Barbour	46
West	51	Washington Irving	72
West	63	East Fairmont	68
West	74	Liberty	68
West	62	Bridgeport	55
West	50	Grafton	55
West	50	Buckhannon	53
West	75	Grafton	72
West	55	Morgantown	64
West	70	East Fairmont	63
West	68	Elkins	62
West	67	Liberty	49
West	53	Lewis County	41
West	70	Morgantown	60
West	66	Elkins	63
West	76	Bridgeport	72
West	57	Philip-Barbour	51
West	51	Washington Irving	62
West	54	Buckhannon	64
West	58	Lewis County	66
SECTIONAL			
West	49	East Fairmont	47
West	58	Morgantown	56
REGIONAL			
West	66	Jefferson County	61
STATE			
West	56	Beckley	90
Won:	15	Lost:	9

Really, Joe, is all this necessary?

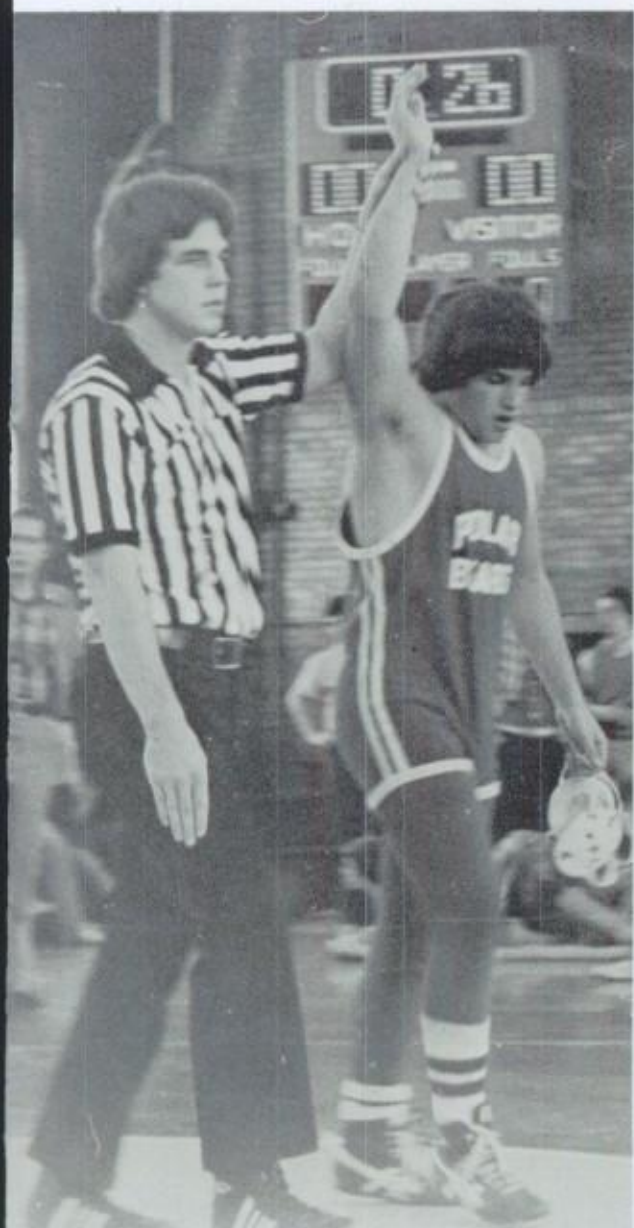
Shouts of instructions from Big Ten Coach of the Year Joe Naternicola proved worthwhile as his team finished ninth in the State Wrestling Tournament.



A near fall in the semi-final round contributes to Randy Jones' second regional championship. Jones dominated Joe Pezzanite of Keyser, 19-1.

Applying the pressure in a consolation round of the State Tournament is Mike Wood, senior. He outwrestled Bob Blazer of John Marshall, 8-3.

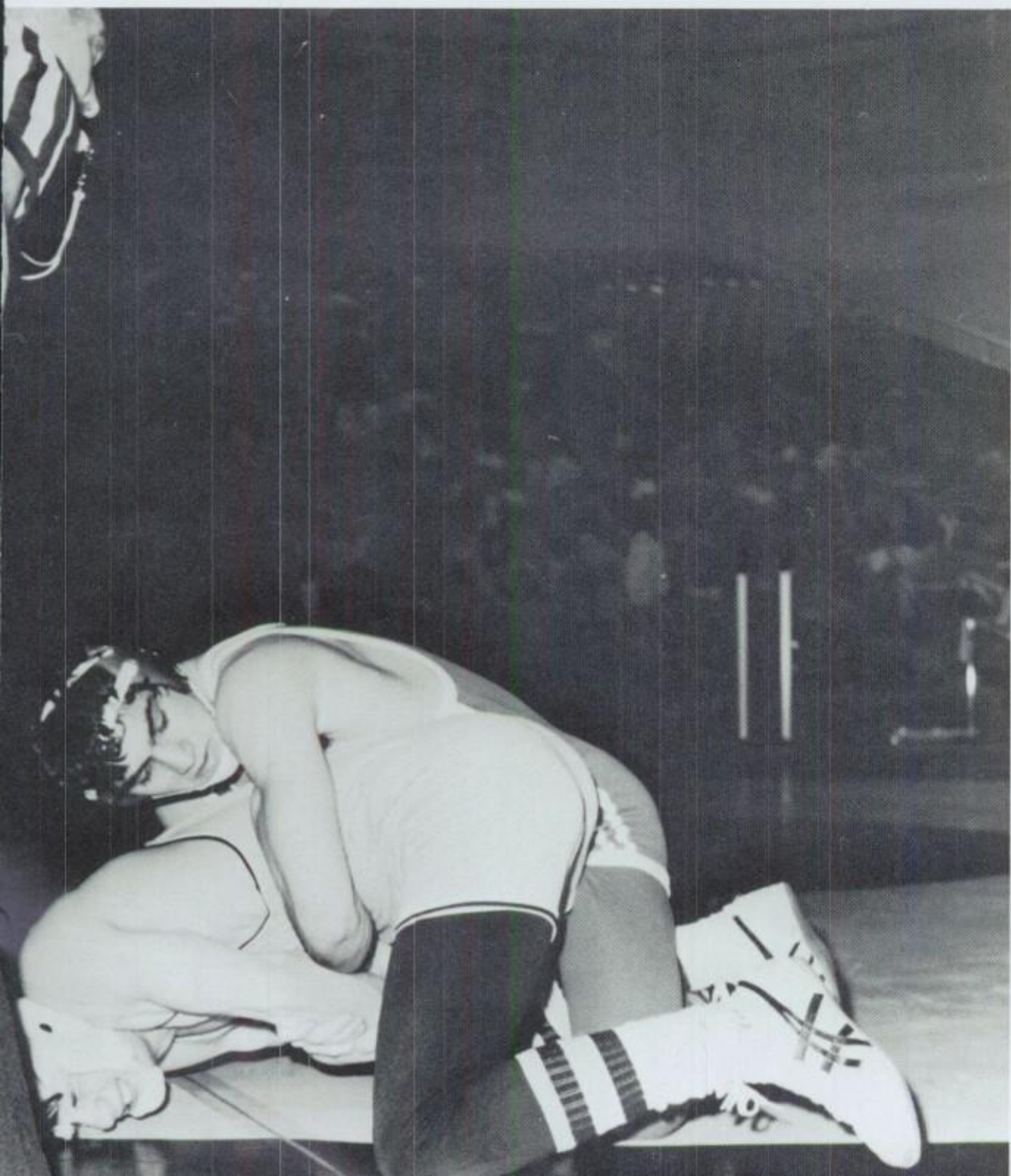




Referee Butch Collins signals victory for 167-pound champion Mark Delligatti in the regional tournament.



Flat on the mat 98-pounder Chucky Sanders collapses from the long hours and sheer exhaustion of the sport of wrestling.



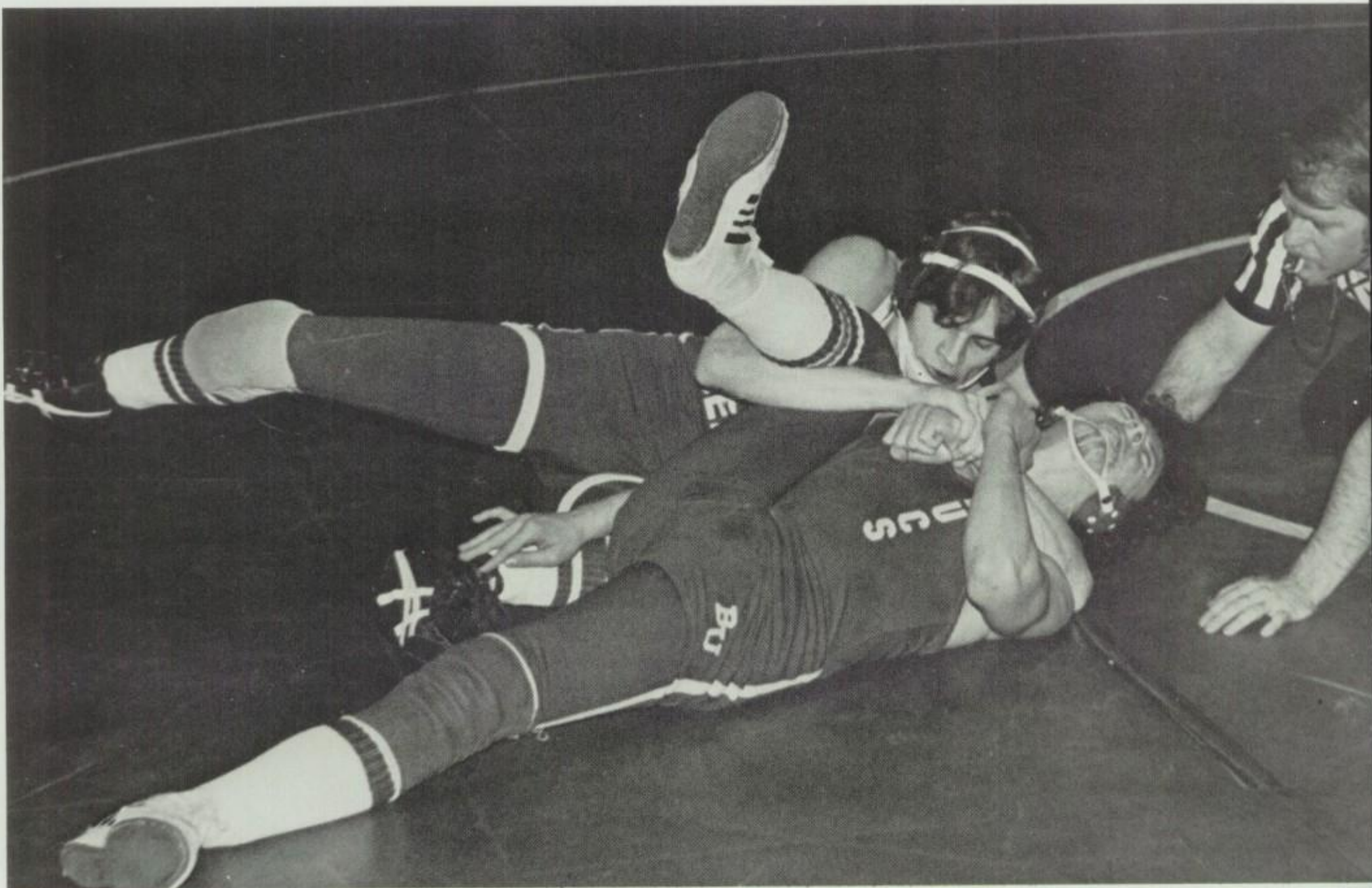
Torture is a word which wrestling hopefuls have learned to expect when trying out for the Polar Bear team. Running, jumping, drilling, sweating, exercising, and dieting all come into play for boys trying to make a weight class. Some, indeed, found themselves asking Coach Naternicola, "Really, Joe, is all this necessary?"

The regular season, as a whole, was really not that impressive. In dual matches the grapplers finished with a 5-6 mark. However, that included a 4-match winning streak over Bridgeport, Mannington, University, and Wheeling Central (whom they beat by a massive 50-6 score.)

But dual meets weren't their specialty; tournaments were. They loved tournaments and they showed it. After a poor finish in the Times Invitational, the Blue and White pulled it together.

First came the East Invitational and in first place were the Polar Bears posting a win over their rivaling hosts, the Bees.

Next was the Big Ten Tourney and the boys of Coach Joe Naternicola had something to prove. They wanted to show that their win in the East Side gathering was not a fluke; they wanted to be the power of the Big Ten. Bobby Fortney won his weight class at 112, Skeeter Delligatti won at 155, Randy Jones won at unlimited, and West Side won what they wanted.



With a tight hold on his Buckhannon opponent Dave Taylor, senior 126-pounder Bill Boram positions for a pin as referee Mike Stalnaker watches closely.

A pause between periods finds Coach Joe Naternicola giving quick advice to co-captain Skeeter Delligatti, 155-pounder.



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Really, Joe . . .

Wrestling Team—FRONT ROW: Bobby Rannenber, Mike Boram, Bobby Fortney, Kenny Campbell, Sam Ruggiero, Chucky Sanders, Danny Lusk; SECOND ROW: Pat Ford, Bill Boram, Dave Bowyer, Mike Wood, Tom Burns, Mike Prendergast; THIRD ROW:

Chris Payton, Coach Joe Naternicola, Skeeter Delligatti, Bob Grega, Karl Stricklin, Phil Massinople, Rocky Wyont, Mark Delligatti, Mark Bosley. Voted by the team as Most Valuable and Most Improved were Mike Wood and Bobby Fortney, respectively.



Then came the Regionals. The top 4 placers went to the State Tournament held in Huntington, and the Bears were hungry! The competition was held at the East Gymnasium and as the 2 days progressed, again the Polar Bear nameplate rose and rose until it finally reached the top slot.

In the end, the Bears broke a school record of 8 qualifiers (set in 1970) and sent 10 of their 12 boys to Huntington. Mike Wood at 138, Mark Delligatti at 167, Jones at his heavyweight position, Fortney in his 112 slot, and Delligatti at 155 all took top levels into state.

The other qualifiers were Chucky Sanders at 98, Sam Ruggiero at 105, Brian Morgan at 119, Bill Boram at 126, and Phil Massinople at 185.

The State rolled around very quickly and after the first round, 5 were still alive. The second round passed and then there were 2—Wood and Jones. Both lost in the semifinals, but came back to take fifth and fourth places, respectively, leading the team to a ninth place finish.

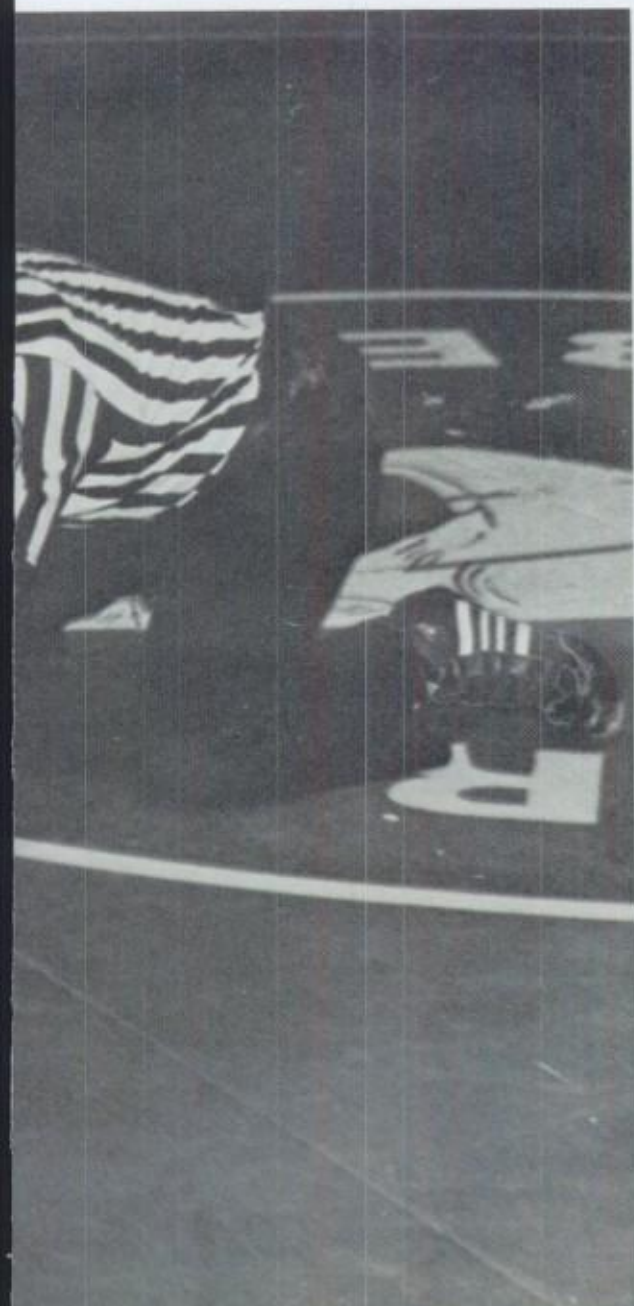
Being Number One in the East Invitational, Number One in the Big Ten, Number One in the Regionals, and in the top ten in the State certainly made all that sweating worthwhile.

WRESTLING RECORD

West	27	East Fairmont	42
West	35	Elkins	36
West	48	Morgantown	13
West	44	Philip-Barbour	22
West	13	Parkersburg South	48
West	36	Parsons	24
West	3	Parkersburg	58
West	43	Bridgeport	18
West	38	Mannington	24
West	42	University	17
West	50	Wheeling Central	6
West	15	West Green	40
West	15	Brooke County	46
West	39	Buckhannon	18

BIG TEN	1st place
REGIONAL	1st place
STATE	9th place

Won:	8	Lost:	6
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Guited in new team uniforms, Brian Morgan, Sam Ruggiero, and Phil Massinople await their upcoming matches.

With a firm grip, Dave Smith, junior, putts out on the ninth hole green at the Fairmont Field Club golf course.



Having a swinging time

Augusta, Pebble Beach, Pompano, and the Fairmont Field Club. That last course may not be on Johnny Miller's tour plans, but there was some heavy golfing there by the Polar Bear linksmen.

The team featured the returning brother act of Brett and Bart McClain. Brett, senior, was this year's captain and Bart, junior, has been a three-year member of Coach Bill Reppert's squad.

Also returning were Bruce Mazurek, David Smith, Steve Talbott, juniors, and Doug Hammond, sophomore.

Joining the squad for the first year were Bob Yanero, junior, and George Abel, Mark Schulte, and Jim Riffie, freshmen.



Stroking low to the ground is Doug Hammond, sophomore, who is a second-year member of the golf team.





Junior Linksman Bruce Mazurek completes his putting stroke in an attempt for a par.

Teeing up his ball on the first tee is Doug Hammond. Hammond along with his teammates played all home matches at the Fairmont Field Club.



The brothers McClain, Bart and Brett, take a breather between holes. Brett and Bart played first and second man, respectively, on the starting team.

Backswing form by Bruce Mazurek is shown as he tees off the Number Four tee at the Field Club.

The putting stroke of Bobby Yanero is completed as he eyes the ball to the hole.

Golf Team — FRONT ROW: Bobby Yanero, Bart McClain, Mark Schulte, and Doug Hammond; SECOND ROW: Bruce Mazurek, Steve Talbott, Brett McClain, and Coach Bill Reppert.



Looking for the break in the green, Brett McClain lines up his putt.

Teed up and ready to swing with a wood, Bart McClain concentrates on his next hit.



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A swinging time

After seeing the cross country, football, and basketball teams in state tourney competition, the golfers had to have an exceptional season. With a winning record of 20-3, the Bears placed second in the Big Ten to the strong W-I five.

Brett McClain shot an 83 in the Big Ten match and wound up in fourth place in individual competition. McClain was also named to the All Big Ten Team.

"He played his usual steady game and shot 83 during the Big Ten match at Lakeview in Morgantown and held our team in there all the way," stated Coach Reppert about his senior standout.

In the State, McClain was again the low man with an 80 and led the team to a sixth place finish.

GOLF RECORD

West	160	Morgantown	176
		Grafton	217
		Lewis County	220
West	169	Philip-Barbour	178
West	176	Morgantown	183
West	153	Liberty	200
		W-I	150
West	171	Grafton	205
		Lewis County	229
West	173	East Fairmont	212
West	161	B-U	153
		East Fairmont	182
		Grafton	202
BIG TEN			
West		2nd Place	
REGIONAL			
West			
Won:	20	Lost:	3

A grueling backhand is presented by Todd Copley, sophomore. Copley captured the Big Ten crown at his third position in his first full year of play.

Following through on a backhand return is Charles Frances, sophomore. Francis finished out the season at the number 4 slot.



A captains' conference takes place between Terri Cavallo and Mike Rowe, seniors. They played at the 1 and 2 spots on their respective teams.

A high backhand is hit by Cindy Kincell, sophomore. Kincell was the number 3 girl.



TENNIS, ANYONE?

No one has ever heard of the phrase, "Wrestling, anyone?" However, being on a tennis team was sort of like being on a wrestling team. Everything was individual effort except for the tallying of the wins. Players went onto the striped courts and relied on only themselves to bring home the bacon. But knowing that there were 11 other people trying to contribute a plus sign for the Blue and White pushed them to do it for the team more than themselves.

There were many good times as team members will always recall Copley's patented, "HEY... Donnay!", Vingle's "animal" racquet, "Jeso Peso's" famous "Jimbo" shot, Biafore's announcing of an 8-win, Waronicki asking the pressing question of "Where's Bee?", and Rokisky's karate chop. But from that kidding came a Big Ten power and a high finisher in the Regional Tourney.

The season started off with flying colors as the Bears rolled to a 5-0 record with wins over Lewis County twice, Bridgeport, Grafton, and Liberty.

Undefeated Morgantown was the next foe, and they stayed that way as West quickly dropped to 5-2.

The next 2 matches saw one hand feed the other as the boys won the Philip-Barbour match for the team and the girls pulled out the East Side rivalry to put them up to 7-2.

After an easy 14-4 bouncing of Bridgeport, the boys finished out the regular season by scorching University, 9-0.

The Big Ten Tourney was next which saw Morgantown take most honors. Yet, West's number 3 man Todd Copley, sophomore, won his division while Mitch Vingle, senior, and Tammy Biafore, freshmen, took second place finishes at the number 6 slots.

Concentration is the key as Leisha Heathcote returns a shot. The match was played at Consolidated Park.



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Tennis

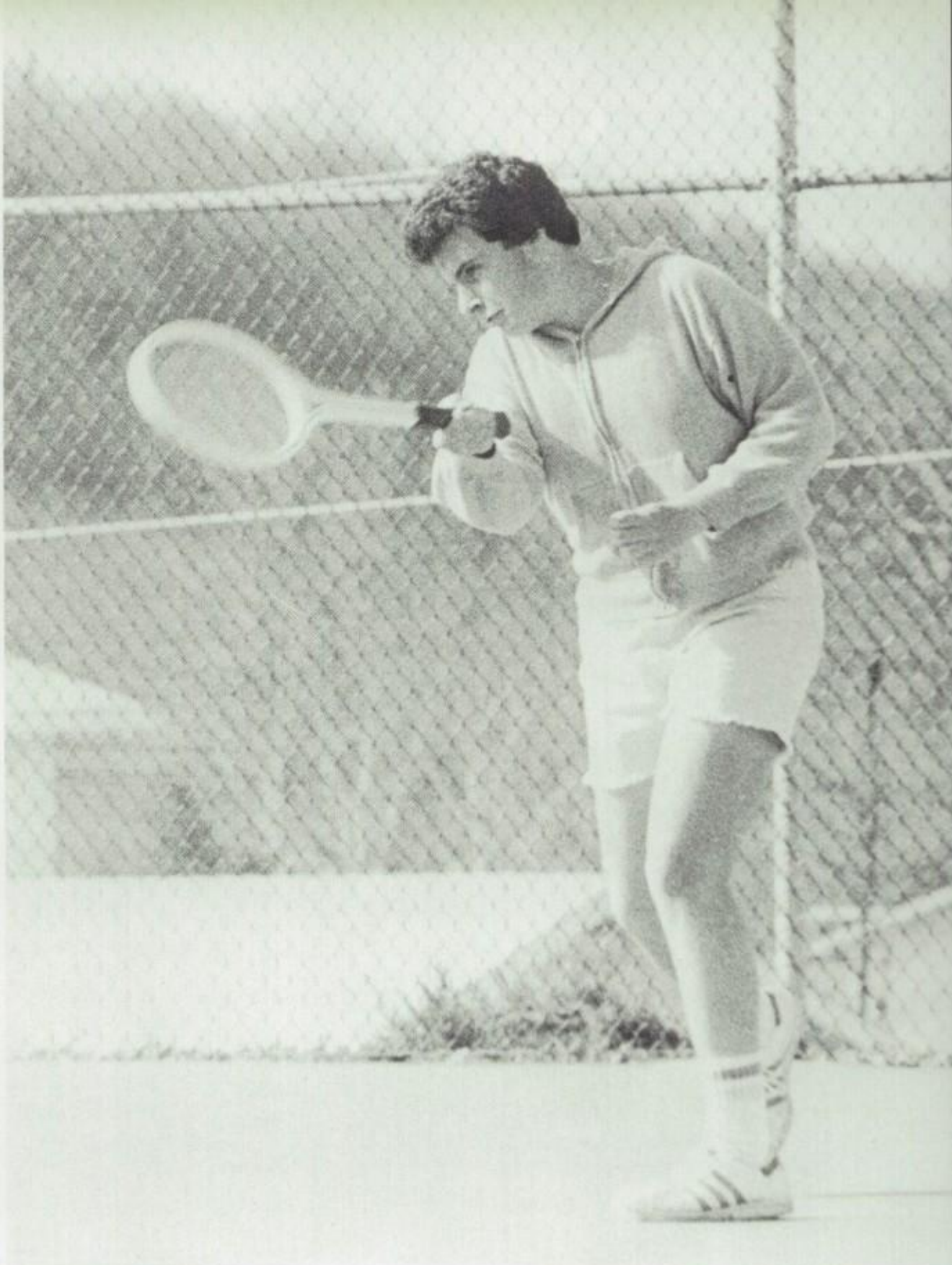
In the Regionals, West was gunning for it all, but after a great first round the Bears started to drop by the wayside. In the end the results were the same as last year. Brad Waronicki, after losing a 9-7 decision to Ranjan Chak of Morgantown, overcame a loss in his first set to beat his Jefferson opponent 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and cop his second straight state berth. Jennifer McLeary and Todd Copley took fourth laurels.

And that's the way the season ended. Even though they didn't have indoor courts to practice in all winter, they still proved to be an area power attesting that through dedication and desire.

For the tennis team the question was "Tennis, anyone?" and "Hey, Mikie, was it really JUST out?"

GIRLS' TENNIS RECORD

West	8	Lewis County	0
West	7	Bridgeport	2
West	8	Grafton	1
West	8	Liberty	1
West	7	Lewis County	1
West	0	Morgantown	9
West	0	Morgantown	9
West	3	Philip-Barbour	6
West	8	East Fairmont	1
West	5	Bridgeport	4
BIG TEN			
West		4th place	
REGIONAL			
West		6th place	
Won:	7	Lost:	3



Girls' Tennis Team — FRONT ROW: Leisha Heathcote, Jennifer Muto, and Lisa Thobois; SECOND ROW: Mariah Rokisky, Jenny Huey, Liz Critchfield, Tammy Biafore, Jennifer McLeary, Terri Cavallo, and Coach Don Stevens.

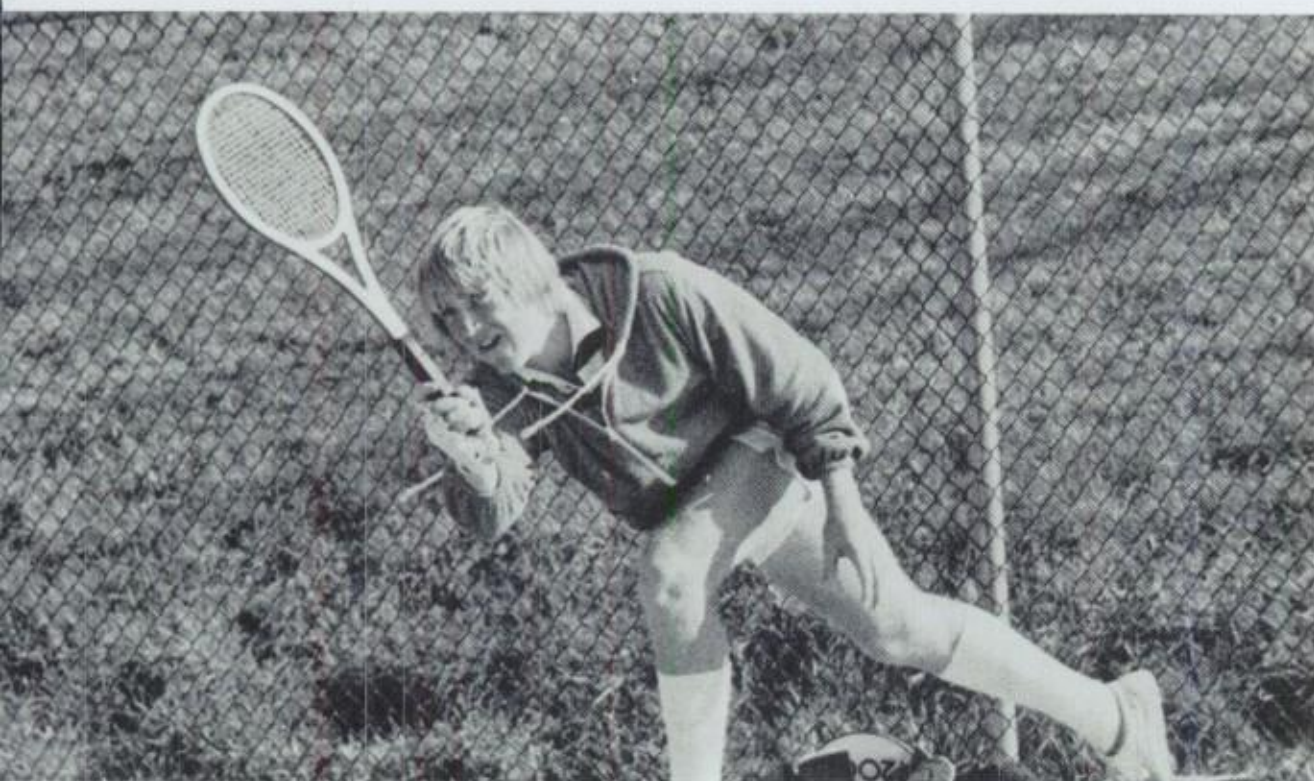


etting a forehand is Bill Piscitelli, junior. Piscitelli played as first man all season.

erving it up is Mitch Vingle, senior. Vingle played as fifth man and placed second in the Big Ten tournament.



Boys' Tennis Team — FRONT ROW: Bill Piscitelli, J.P. Wallman, and Mike Gower; SECOND ROW: Charles Frances, Rick Geldbaugh, Todd Copley, Mitch Vingle, Mike Rowe, and Coach Don Stevens.



descent from a serve is shown by Brad Waronicki, senior. Waronicki participated in the State Tournament for the second year straight.

Using his Head is Mike Rowe, senior. Rowe played as second man and served as boys' team captain.

BOYS' TENNIS RECORD

West	8	Lewis County	1
West	6	Bridgeport	3
West	6	Grafton	3
West	9	Liberty	0
West	9	Lewis County	0
West	2	Morgantown	7
West	1	Morgantown	8
West	9	Philip-Barbour	0
West	4	East Fairmont	5
West	9	Bridgeport	0
West	9	University High	0
BIG TEN			
West		2nd place	
REGIONAL			
West		5th place	
Won:	8	Lost:	3



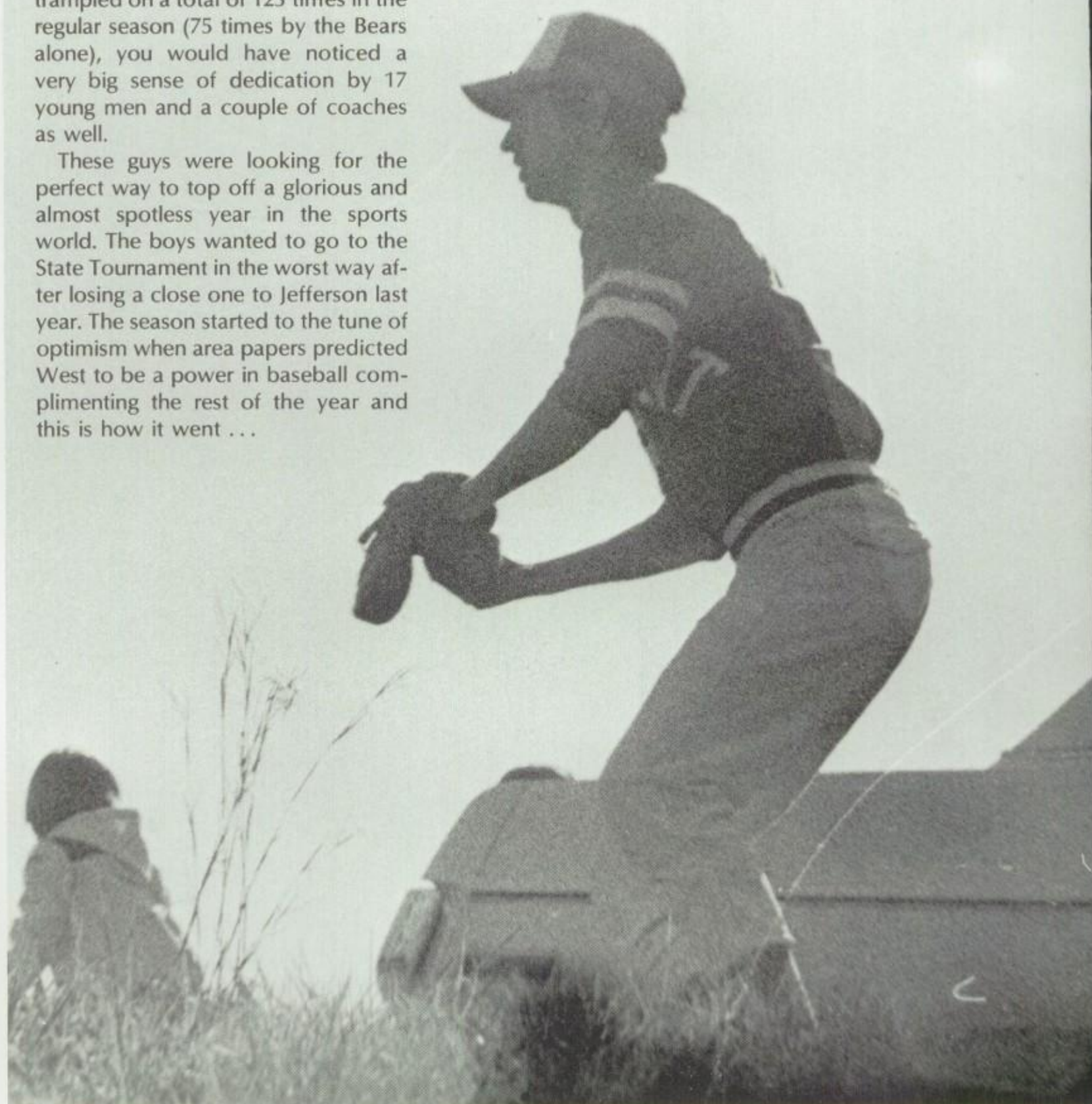
It was a matter of "Bo, Duck, and Rain" (the cycle which included the 2 main pitchers and the weather) as the diamondmen took to the field in hope of their sixth sectional title in 7 years.

Bear diamondmen pause for inspiration and a silent prayer before the sectional tournament.

Loosening up the starting pitcher before the Elkins game is Kevin Clarke, the back-up catcher.

If you were a home plate at Watson ball diamond this spring, you would have seen plenty. Besides being trampled on a total of 123 times in the regular season (75 times by the Bears alone), you would have noticed a very big sense of dedication by 17 young men and a couple of coaches as well.

These guys were looking for the perfect way to top off a glorious and almost spotless year in the sports world. The boys wanted to go to the State Tournament in the worst way after losing a close one to Jefferson last year. The season started to the tune of optimism when area papers predicted West to be a power in baseball complimenting the rest of the year and this is how it went . . .



AND NOW, BASEBALL



Safe at home Ron Retton, junior, adds 1 of the 3 runs that moved the Bears past University High in the sectional tourney.



Stretching it out, pitcher Jim Floyd strides his follow-through during the Elkins game.



Blocking the plate Mike Dublin, catcher, attempts to tag a University High runner as pitcher Dave Hannah moves in to cover.

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Baseball

The Blue and White baseballers again got off to their patented shaky start, and like always—around they came.

After a less than convincing 6-3 win over the Grafton Bearcats in the season lidlifter, the Bears dropped the next 2 contests to Bridgeport and Morgantown before evening their record at 2-2. Next, the record went to 3-2, 4-2, 5-2, and 6-2.

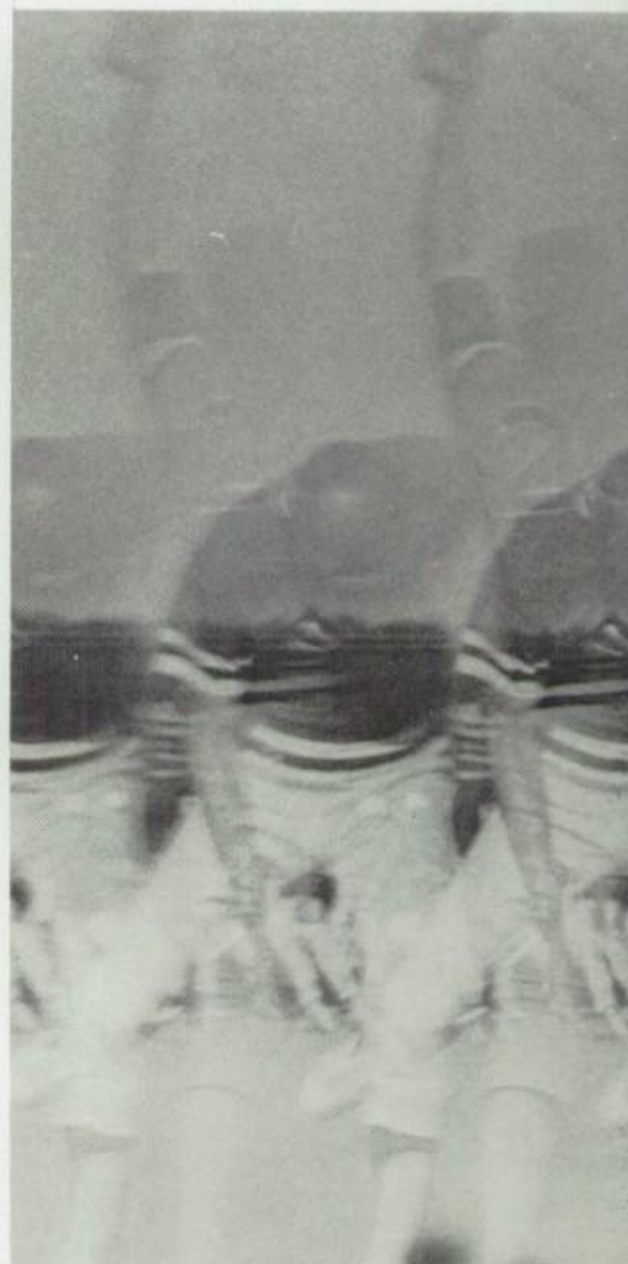
The brightest spot of this stretch turned out to be the pitching of Dave Hannah and Jimmy Floyd, seniors, who allowed only 1 hit in 2 games against Lewis County and Philip-Barbour. Hannah fired his 1-hitter followed the next day by Floyd who completely shut down the Colts batting line-up as he hurled his second no hitter in as many years.

Coach Bill Lawson's men then trekked to Buckhannon for what turned out to be a rough pitcher's dual. Floyd was on the mound and only allowed 3 runs, but Buckhannon only gave up 2 and the slate dropped to 6-3.

The diamondman soon got their balance again and after beating University High, took the Big Ten leading Elkins Tigers by an overwhelming 12-3 margin.

Turning it on David Carovillano, sophomore, makes a turn at first after hitting a single!

As he beats the throw to first, Brad Freeland, freshman, checks to make sure he's safe.



Sliding in at home, Tom Nickolich, pinch runner, is declared safe by Carl Latanza, umpire, in a game against East.



A break in the game allows John Paul Daristotle, left fielder, to relax on base.

Set for the pitch is Dave Hannah, senior, who batted a steady .372 for the Bears.



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Baseball

With Elkins knocked out of the Big Ten title, the Bridgeport Indians took the steering wheel and to keep it they had to beat the Bears. The Red Men and the Blue Men locked horns, but when it was all over the town of bridges won by a 5-2 count.

The ball was stopped and the East Fairmont team seemed to push it back by beating the diamondmen in the season's last game; however, tourney time was here and an 8-5 record was as good as an undefeated one.

The sectional crown was up for grabs and the Bears got together at the right time and voila! It was theirs.

After a 3-2 squeaker over University High, the Lawson-men put together an exploding fifth inning and gathered 16 runs en route to a 12-run difference over the Bees.

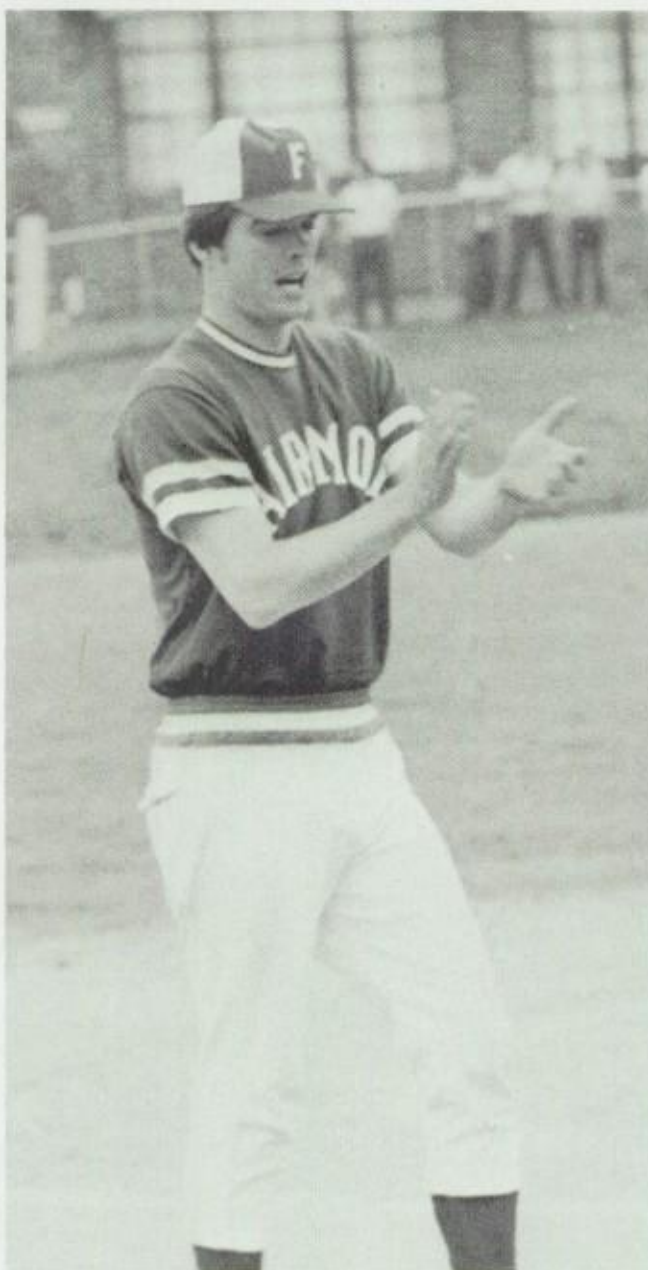
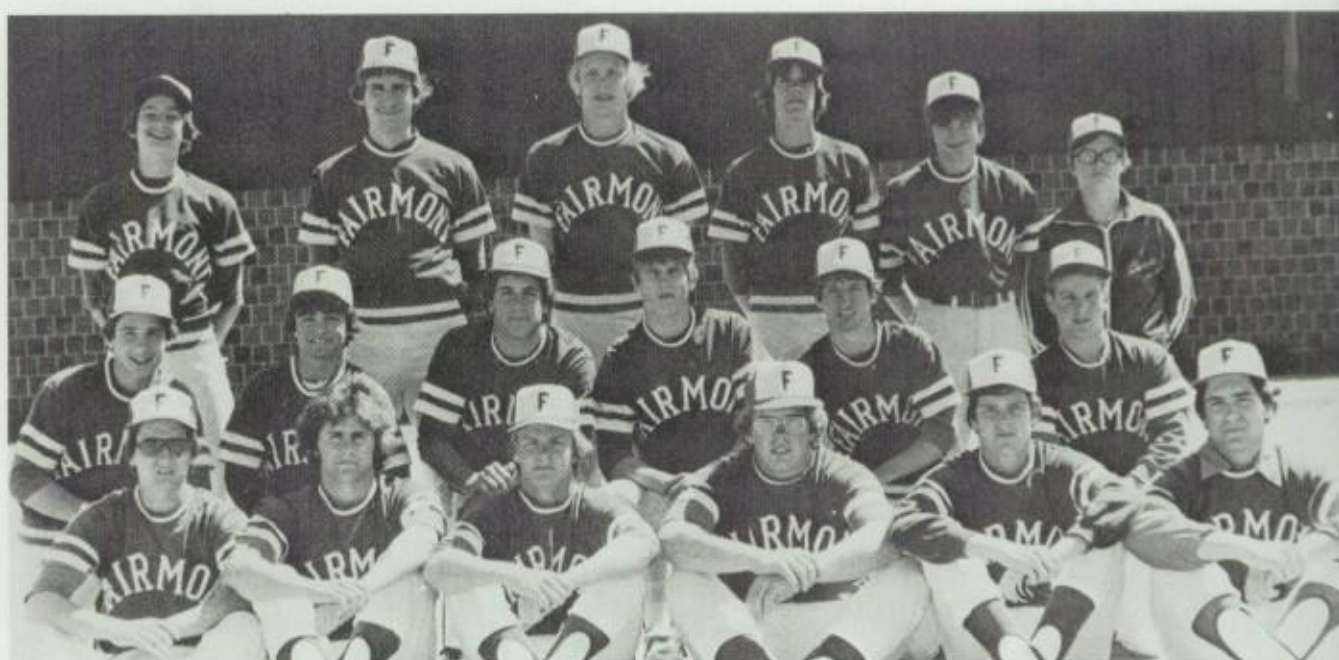
Enter Bridgeport, exit Fairmont, 7-3.

BASEBALL RECORD

West	6	Grafton	3
West	4	Bridgeport	5
West	2	Morgantown	5
West	8	Lewis County	1
West	4	Philip-Barbour	1
West	14	Liberty	11
West	7	Buckhannon	4
West	7	Philip-Barbour	1
West	2	Buckhannon	3
West	5	University High	3
West	12	Elkins	3
West	2	Bridgeport	5
West	2	East	3
SECTIONAL			
West	3	University High	2
West	16	East	4
REGIONAL			
West	3	Bridgeport	7
Won:	10	Lost:	6

Baseball Team — FRONT ROW: Jim Floyd, Mike Dublin, Jim Fetty, Randy Jones, Dave Hannah, and Anthony Carovillano; SECOND ROW: Tom Nickolich, Brian Morgan, John Paul Daristotle, Mike Cale, Kevin

Clarke, and Ron Retton; THIRD ROW: Ron Everhart, David Carovillano, Brad Freeland, Steve Moore, Mark Oliver, James Kerns.



From the baseline Head Coach Bill Lawson sets the next play. This was his seventh year as coach.



One of the county's top pitchers Jim Floyd delivers another fast ball. A highlight of the season was Floyd's no hitter against Philip-Barbour.

It's celebration time as teammates congratulate Jim Floyd on his 3-run homer against the East Fairmont Bees.

Strategy is discussed by pitcher Dave Hannah with Mike Dublin, senior, Mike Cale, junior, and Jim Floyd, senior.



Soaring up, John Wills, sophomore, clears the bar at 5'10" in a meet against East and Grafton.

Over the hurdles in form is Genevieve Stubbs, sophomore. Stubbs was the county champ for two consecutive years.



At the finish Gary McCutcheon, senior, is second to Eddie Huffman of Herbert Hoover, in the trials of the Times Invitational.

The sister combination of Sharon and Natalie Hinton take first and second at the trials of the Marion County meet while Sandy Tobin cops third.



For the thinclads dressed in Blue and White, both boys and girls track teams combined for 15 first place finishes and found themselves with ...



The racers' edge

On a cold day in March, footprints were seen in the wet film of snow that covered East-West Stadium. Filling them were members of the girls and boys track teams as they began training for their season opener. With the return of 7 letterwomen from last year, and several enthusiastic freshmen, and with 2 years of coaching behind her, Coach Elly Zanin figured the girls to be a threat and right she was.

Over the first few meets, the girls showed total dominance by placing first and second in every meet except the high jump and the long jump. They ran over all other teams by 30 points or more.

Coach Zanin praised the girls on their natural ability, maturity, and their dedication to the sport.

Captained by John Case, Mike Burdoff, Tom Burns, and Gary McCutcheon, the boys set out to win the Big Ten Conference Championship, the Regional title and qualify as many boys as possible for the state finals in May.

On the third leg of the 880-yard relay, Leroy Campbell, junior, stretches to hand off to Danny Phillips, junior.

Leading lady Brenda Smith, freshman, waits to begin the 800-yard relay in the Marion County Championship.



Anchor man in the two-mile relay team, Tom Burns, senior, feels the agony of competition.

Executing her toss is Janet Clayton, junior, who was named Marion County Most Valuable Trackwoman.



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The edge

Keeping measurements for the shot put is girls' track coach Elly Zanin while Roslyn Daristotle, senior, assists.

Breaking the tape at the end of the 880-medley relay is Rose Blake, sophomore, in a meet against Lewis County.



Coach Lew Petonick singled out top performers as Case in the mile and 2-mile events; Jeff Barlow and Burns, distance men; McCutcheon and Greg Tucker, 440-yard dash; Burdoff, discus; Clifton Campbell, 180-yard low hurdles; Billy Campbell, 100 and 220-yard dashes; and Danny Phillips, long jump.

The State Meet rolled around and 10 girls and 12 boys represented West. When it was all over, Case was the first runner in West Virginia history to cop 2 championships as he ran both the mile and 2-mile in record breaking times. The boys finished in sixth place.

The team flexed its muscles as it took third in the Times Invitational and proceeded to take first in the Clarksburg Invitational and Marion County Championship. New individual records were set by Case in the mile and 2-mile runs, Case, Tucker, Phillips, and McCutcheon in the mile relay, and by the Campbell brothers, Tucker, and Case in the sprint medley. The team wrapped up its regular season in style by winning the Big Ten Championship. Mr. Petonick was also named Big Ten Coach of the Year.

With a powerful form, Mike Burdoff, senior, releases the shot put during practice.



Boys' track team — FRONT ROW: Randall Kocsis, John Miller, Steve Clagett, Videll Stubbs, John Wallman, Billy Campbell, Danny Potesta, Chris Payton, Barry Michels, Greg Tucker; SECOND ROW: Clifton Campbell, Danny Maselli, Mike Burdoff, Tom Burns, Robert Pileggi, Eric Price, James Jackson, Mike Shan, Mark Bosley, Steve Reed, and Coach Lew Petonick;

THIRD ROW: Gary LeDonne, Tom Wallman, Ra Prudnick, Gary McCutcheon, Danny Phillips, Le Campbell, John Wills, Danny Burns, Keefe Mason, John Nichols, Jeff Audia, Troy Mezzanotte; FOURTH ROW: Sinclair Douglas, Rocco Fucillo, Mark Wil John Michael Smith, John DeLuca, Rich Viglianco, Je Barlow, and Frank Brotsky.

Up and over flies sophomore John Michael Smith in a meet against East and Liberty. Smith placed third with a jump of 5'6".



Girls' track team — FRONT ROW: Natalie Hinton, and Janet Clayton; SECOND ROW: Carla Linear, Brenda Smith, Dianna Jackson, Genevieve Stubbs, Bridget Blake, Ellen Glazer, Sherri Retton, Regina Hinton, Linda Fortney, Jamie Feltz, and Rose Blake; THIRD

ROW: Sharon Hinton, Latonya Drake, Annie Haymond, Monica Dublin, Donna Payne, Sharon Eddy, Pam Davis, Debbie Crites, Christy Phillips, Kelly Williams, Cynthia Price, and Coach Elly Zanin.

With determination etched on his face Billy Campbell, sophomore, races for the tape. Campbell was recognized as the fastest sprinter in the county.

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The edge

The teams ended the season with combined records of 15 first places, 2 second places, and 2 third places. After trudging through the snow, sleet, and rain for practice, the boys' division showed their solidarity by claiming the Big Ten track title and the girls' showed a third place position. Individual Big Ten champs were Shari Retton, 110 low hurdles; Janet Clayton, shot put; Brenda Smith, 220-yard dash; Case, in the mile and 2 mile; Campbell, 100 and 200-yard dashes; and Gary McCutcheon in the 440-yard dash. Also coming up victorious was Coach Petonick, who was awarded Big Ten Coach of the Year.

The teams' strong support came from the relay teams as the boys' 1-mile, 880, and 440-relays were only beaten once, while the girls' one-mile, 880, and 880 medley relays also showed just one loss.

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BOY'S TRACK RECORD

1st	East, Parsons, Grafton
3rd	Fairmont Times Invitational
1st	East, Elkins
1st	East, Liberty
1st	East, Lewis County
1st	Clarksburg Invitational
1st	Marion County Championship
1st	Morgantown Invitational
1st	BIG TEN MEET
1st	REGIONAL
1st	STATE

GIRL'S TRACK RECORD

1st	Parsons, Grafton
1st	East, Elkins
1st	East, Liberty
1st	East, Lewis County
1st	Marion County Championship.
2nd	Morgantown Invitational
2nd	Clay-Battelle Invitational
3rd	BIG TEN MEET
	REGIONAL
	STATE

Sprinting the last leg of the 880-relay is Regina Hinton, freshman. She also ran the 220-yard dash.

With a smile James Jackson, freshman, heaves the shot put to win a meet at the stadium.

Running for glory is John Case, senior. John broke the school, county and Big Ten records in the half-mile, mile, and 2-mile run.





Setting for the rebound are frosh team members Brad Freeland, Mark Wilt, and Benny Wells in a game against Bridgeport.

During conference time, Coach Bill Lawson goes over game strategy, listening attentively are Danny Potesta, Austin Brown, John Micheal Smith, and Todd Copley.



Four groups of athletes played for their own personal satisfaction, not for the crowd they attracted—the stands were anything but full, not for the glory they received—there wasn't any, not for the publicity they got—the stories were always in the bottom left-hand corner of the sports page.

The groups—the junior varsity and freshman basketball and football teams. They were the ones who never missed a game and sat on the bench shouting encouragement to teammates—they were the unsung heroes.

On the run sophomore, Bill Campbell, turns on the speed after losing Morgantown defender. Campbell was the leading rusher and scorer on the team.

Unsung heroes

Hooping it up

"This year was different because we had 20 men on the team, and at least 10 played quite a bit," said Tom Dragich, freshman basketball coach.

The freshmen, led in scoring by Brad Freeland and Mark Wilt's 14 and 10-point respective averages, finished out the season with an 8-5 overall record.

The highest scoring spree of the season was a 64-39 blowout of the Monongah Lions, while the biggest heartbreaker was a tooth-pulling 35-34 loss to Philippi.

The last victory over Bridgeport led the frosh into post season play, but due to the nationwide coal strike, it was cancelled.

Battling high, center Mark Wilt jumps against a Bridgeport player. Ready for the tip are Joe Fox (20) and Benny Wells (42).



Running the option, Brad Freeland, quarterback, carries out the fake in a home game against Philip-Barbour.



Waiting for the snap is Robert Pileggi and Craig Winter (50), defensive backs for the freshman squad.

Freshman Football — FIRST ROW: Coach Joe Natercola, Mark Oliver, Chris Craft, Dave Kendrick, Craig Winter, Chris Payton, James Jackson, Robert Pileggi and Fred Roman; **SECOND ROW:** Ray Prudnick, Richard Viglianco, Joe Fox, Charlie Livingston, Mike Welch, Charles Schrader, Jeff Summers, Jeff Clark, Karl Sticlin, and Steve Moore.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL RECORD

West	54	Washington Irving	40
West	44	Philip-Barbour	33
West	47	Grafton	28
West	44	Rivesville	35
West	24	East	31
West	34	Philip-Barbour	35
West	31	Buckhannon	34
West	64	Monongah	39
West	48	Bridgeport	26
West	50	East	54
West	53	Rivesville	39
West	30	Grafton	42
West	38	Bridgeport	35
Non:	8	Lost:	5

On the move against Hamrick of Bridgeport is Fred Roman. The Cubs went on to win the game.

Freshman Basketball — FIRST ROW: Chuck Fluker, Barry Michels, Mark Wallman, Mark Schulte, and Scott Sears; SECOND ROW: Mark Byers, manager, Mark Oliver, James Jackson, Fred Roman, Bennie Wells, Steve Reed, Joe Fox, and Jeff Clark, manager; THIRD ROW: Coach Tom Dragich, Eric Price, Steve Mohr, Mark Wilt, Brad Freeland, James Wang, Rick Vignianco, Mike West, and Brian Cobun, manager.



FRESHMAN FOOTBALL RECORD

West	20	East Fairmont	12
West	14	Philip-Barbour	8
West	24	Grafton	8
West	0	Bridgeport	22
West	6	Elkins	14
West	6	East Fairmont	18
West	18	Buckhannon	22
West	18	Gore	0
Won	4	Lost:	4

In an opening win over East Fairmont, frosh stars Brad Freeland, Ray Prudnick, Bob Pileggi, and Mike West all scored touchdowns. Freeland threw for over 100 yards while backs Prudnick and Pileggi led the team in rushing.

After wins over Philip-Barbour and Grafton, injuries to key players contributed to 4 losses in a row to Elkins, East, Bridgeport, and Buckhannon. The last game was a win over Gore evening the record at 4-4.

Making the scene



Stepping high, sophomore Bill Campbell runs for a touchdown against rival East Fairmont in the annual game.

Taking a break, Dan Phillips, junior receiver, rests while the defense does its thing.

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL RECORD

West	20	Morgantown	16
West	24	East Fairmont	8
West	30	Buckhannon	14
West	14	Mannington	14
West	6	Washington Irving	20
West	0	Lewis County	6
Won:	3	Lost:	2
		Tied:	1



Almost spotless JV's

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL RECORD

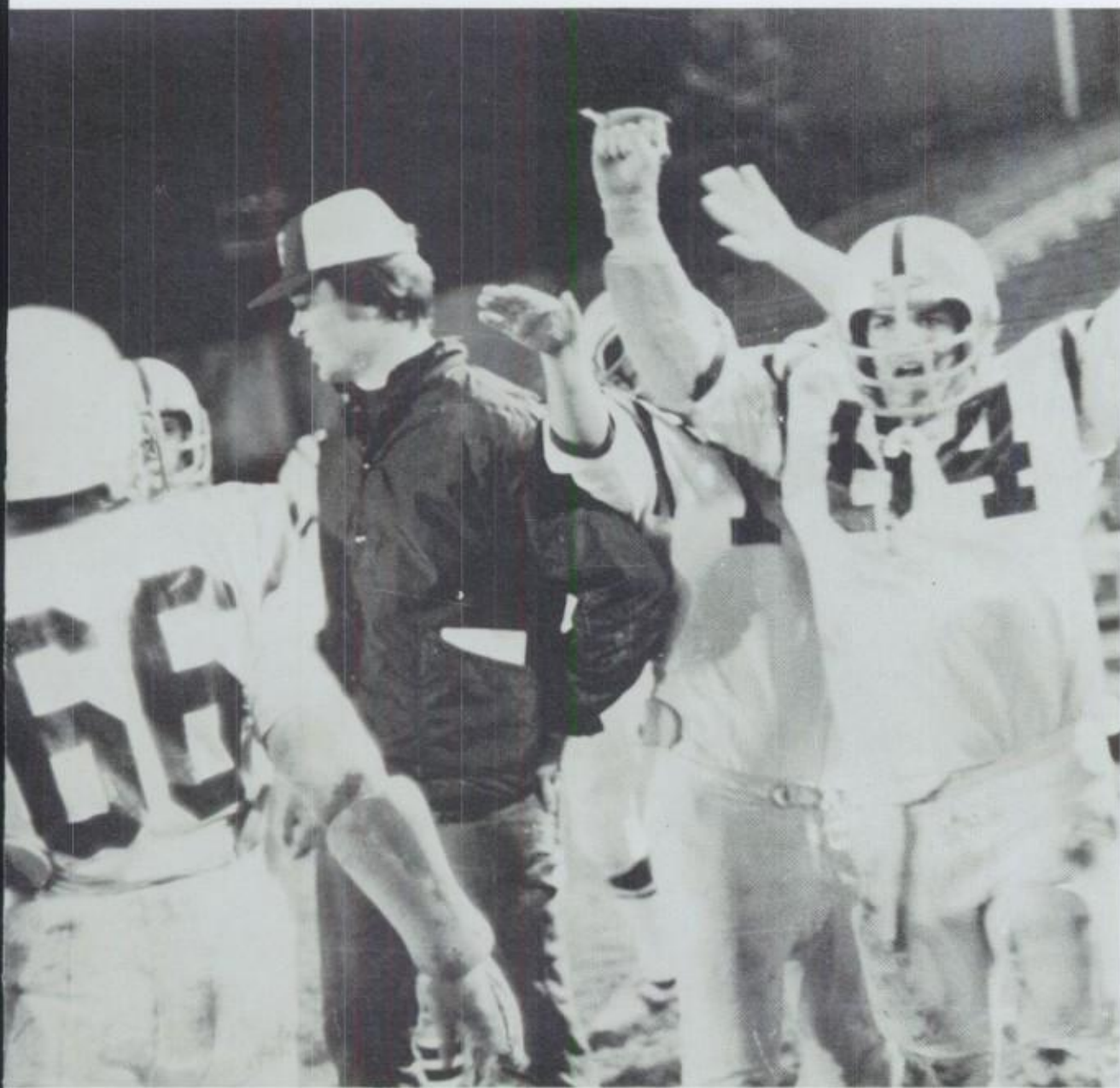
West	63	Philip-Barbour	45
West	50	Washington Irving	41
West	56	East Fairmont	41
West	45	Liberty	35
West	51	Bridgeport	50
West	66	Grafton	43
West	56	Buckhannon	48
West	57	Grafton	47
West	65	Morgantown	53
West	50	East Fairmont	41
West	74	Elkins	51
West	57	Liberty	32
West	58	Morgantown	54
West	74	Elkins	49
West	39	Buckhannon	55
West	67	Lewis County	40
Won:	15	Lost:	2



Shooting the jumper is John Micheal Smith, sophomore center, against Bridgeport. Smith led the team in scoring this season.

Set for action, Ray Prudnick, freshman forward, looks for a teammate to start the play.





Baby Blue wave

The stadium was jam-packed and the fans were wildly cheering. I then decided to turn off Monday night football (since Buffalo was getting killed) and go to the JV game.

The crowd was slightly smaller (West Side had an estimated 34 paid), and the teams were a little less decked out, but the JV's went on.

The footballers, under Coach Bill Lawson, finished with a 3-2-1 record after a successful start. Back Billy Campbell terrorized the first 2 opponents, getting 200 yards plus both games, but he was injured and had to sit the rest of the season out.

Close to a victory Philip Delligatti, sophomore, begins to celebrate. Anthony Horton (66) and Coach Bill Lawson watch the last play.



Through endless trips on school buses, injuries, and illness that hit 4 out of 5 starters, plus hours of cancelled practice—one may often ask if junior varsity basketball is worth it?

To the cagers that made it all happen—yes. On the way to compiling a final 15-2 record, the team won 14 games in a row and experienced a feeling of perfection. Bridgeport and Buckhannon put the only stains on the ledger.

However, it was still a very successful campaign for the boys of Coach Bill Lawson. In fact—almost spotless.

Junior Varsity Basketball — FIRST ROW: Todd Copley, John Wallman, William Campbell, Danny Potesta, Tommy Nickolich, and Troy Mezzanotte; SECOND ROW: Coach Bill Lawson, David Carovillano, John Wills, John Micheal Smith, Ray Prudnick, and Austin Brown.

A strategy is formed in the mind of Cathy Poshadel, freshman, as she participates in the Winter Invitational held at the Freshman Building.



Chess Club — FRONT ROW: Chris Weaver, Tony Evans, Keefe Mason, and Renee Stern; SECOND ROW: Kay Dunnavant, Randall Kocsis, Cathy Poshadel, Bill Coleman, and Mark Byers; THIRD ROW: Coach Charles Snyder, Mark Arnold, Larry Bonasso, Frank Dzielski, and David Hunt.

Considering his next move is Bill Coleman, junior, in the first invitational held at the school this year.



Whether playing for pleasure or preparing for tournament play, participants found out that chess wasn't just a

Wednesday afternoon sport



Much unlike any other varsity sport, chess has always been thought of basically as a club activity. Yet, making Polar Bears for East-West Week and consistently bringing home trophies became as natural a team ritual to chess members as did calisthenics to football players.

Every Wednesday after school, members could be found in advisor, Mr. Charles Snyder's room playing regular games and variations, teaching basics, notation, and the use of the clock or practicing advanced combinations.

Hosting a Winter Invitational in which eight schools participated, the chess team captured first place in team scoring. The team also placed first at the Buckhannon Invitational and third at New Martinsville.

Through competition and contributions to the Chess Club and team, some members lettered. Yes, lettered! For among these club members, the game of chess had evolved into a sport—one played every Wednesday afternoon.

The strain of competition is experienced by Randall Kocsis, and Tony Evans in the Invitational meet.



Taking notes is Mike Dagle, junior, against a Liberty opponent. Dagle won the match.

Pawning if off one space is Kay Dunnavant, senior, who ranked among the top girls in the state.

Doing it their way

Most think the story of the dedicated athlete happened only on campus or on the playing field, but for the many who strived for individual performances, it happened their way.



Their way was not always on a team before cheering spectators. It was often with only a few people observing and sometimes alone.

They participated in non-school sports, but were athletes nonetheless. They too spent countless hours trying to perfect themselves and become winners in their own right. Without thuses, bumper stickers, or balloons to encourage them, they competed, learned sportsmanship, and tasted victory as well as defeat.

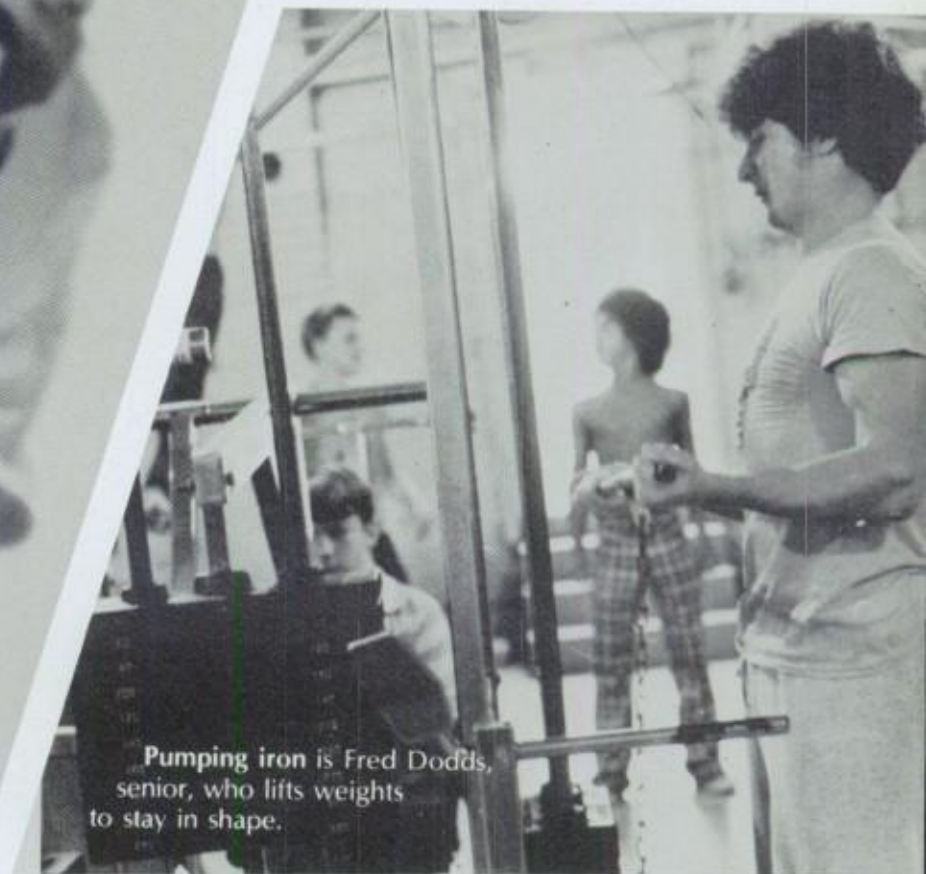
Some were Bill Boram, Pat Tarleton, James Hupp, and Dean Fragale, seniors, Mark Watson, junior, and Tommy Anderson, sophomore, who participated in motocross. Other activities students took part in were gymnastics, equestrian, cross-country skiing, swimming, karate, bowling, and community basketball and baseball leagues.

For their efforts they didn't receive a letter, but they achieved the thrill of competing their way.



Concentrating Kevin Clarke, junior, awaits the right moment to split the board as Gary McCutcheon, senior, assists.

Limbering up is Kristi Dodge, freshman, who has studied ballet for the past 12 years.



Pumping iron is Fred Dodds, senior, who lifts weights to stay in shape.



In a faculty vs. students basketball game, Mr. Richard Hawkins, drafting, moves around Mr. Barry Vingle, band, as Anthony Carovillano and Tim Tucker, seniors, defend.

Ridin' high, Jim Hupp, senior motocross member, glides across rough country at Mount Morris, Pa.

HOW THE WEST WAS ONE

Somedays it seemed that all activity took place under the spotlight or before a crowd of enthusiastic fans. And the next day's headlines always focused on a student of the month or a much recruited athletic star.

Through it all, the single student survived—even grew—in spite of the pressures of peers, popularity contests, and grade struggles. Some dared to be themselves from graduating a semester or

two early to collecting punk rock articles on Johnnie Rotten. And those who dreamt of owning a prize winning stallion or painting a daVinci original made a pathway for other dreamers.

What started as something out of the ordinary ended up unique—and the individual a winner. Individual effort heightened among the people at West Fairmont and everyone became someone.

The beat of the band is sounded by Brian Willis, sophomore, as he practices a halftime show on the Armory pavement in August.







SENIORS

From the start the year was like an ice cream sundae: seniors looked forward to it, topped it with goodies, and before long saw it vanish before their eyes.

If it hadn't been for the rise in school spirit and the unity of the Senior Class itself, it would have been the same as any other year.

The Class of '78 was not afraid to show its pride in the school. Whether as an anxious assembly-bound seat-taker bursting out of homeroom, or as an athlete completing the last game of his high school career, the seniors united to make their final year a special one.

Maybe it didn't really seem that it would ever be over until they helped each other adjust their caps and gowns before receiving the sheepskin. It was the last time, but for 236 seniors it hadn't been just another year.



Senior enthusiasts express their pride through the use of a card section during the thuse for the Bridgeport game.

Head cheerleader, Louise Little, coordinates the squad at thuses and games. She has served as cheerleader since her freshmen year.



Taking a break from the routine schedule, Garret McCutcheon gives Genny Raikes a friendly nudge toward the snow.

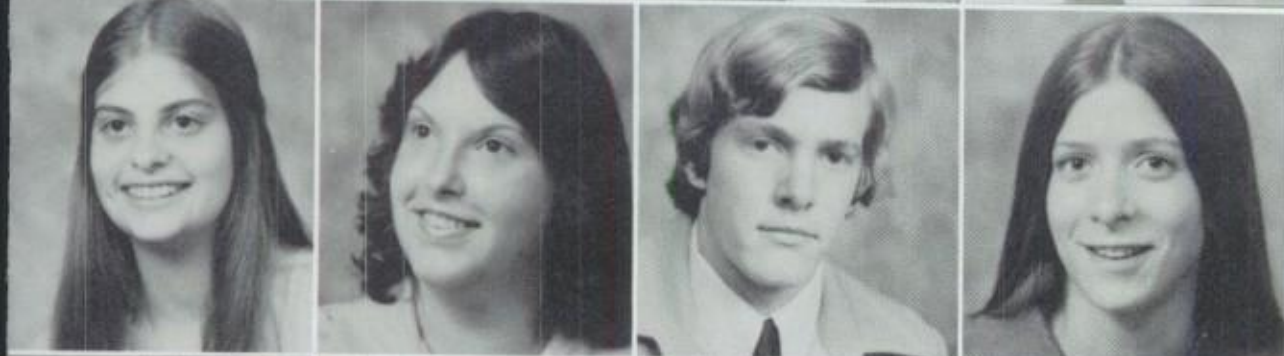
While attending an Ohio University workshop, Traci Moore takes time out from her activities to make a minor adjustment.



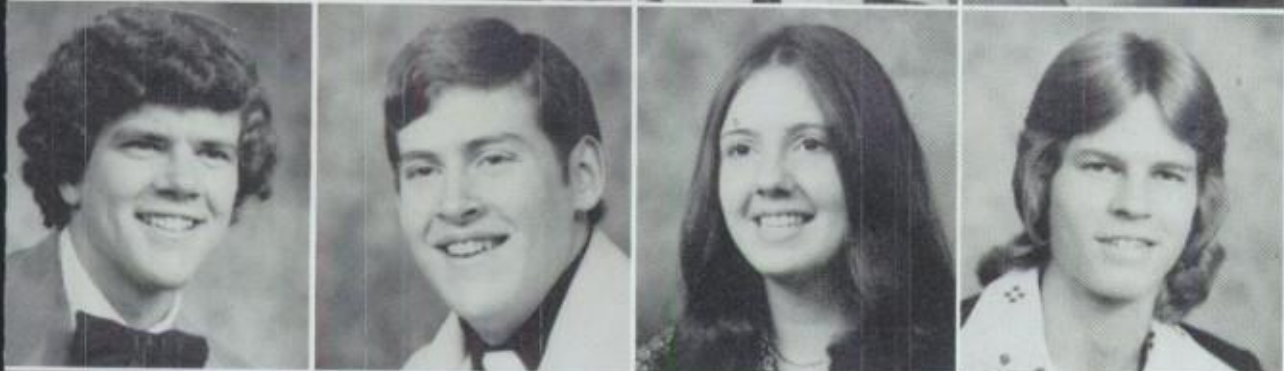
Renee Allevato
Kathy Alltop
Tina Alvaro
Carla Annan



Lisa Argiro
Carol Jean Armstead
Steven Ashcraft
Robin Beans



Susan Bennett
Theresa Biafore
Fred Blake
Mary Anne Blankenship



Ronnie Board
Larry Bonnette
Belinda Boord
Bill Boram



Margie Bradshaw
Sharon Brown
Amy Bruce
Candy Brumage



Toni Brunett
Jeannie Buby
Mike Burdoff
Tom Burns



James Butcher
Anthony Carovillano
Rodney Carpenter
Victoria Carpenter

Bach, Beethoven, and Barry Wills



"I would like to be like Liberace," said Barry Wills, senior.

He began playing the piano 12 years ago, at the age of six. His mother, also musically inclined, encouraged his interest and he studied under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Garrett for nine years. He can read music but prefers to play by ear.

Barry also tried his musical talent at playing the trombone but his real talent is playing the piano.

He has played for such functions as the Business and Professional Women's Club, weddings, funerals, and is the pianist at Monongah Baptist Church. Barry also instructs seven students three days a week.

While he has plans to major in elementary education, his second choice is music.

John Case
Terri Cavallo
Pam Cheslock
Jeff Cimaglia



Anne Clark
Karl Conrad
David Corder
Connie Coughenour



Deborah K. Crites
Debra R. Crites
Rita Currey
Roslyn Daristotle



Gibbs Davidson
Melanie Davis
Pam Davis
Suzie Davis





Greg Davison
Crystal Dawson
John Delligatti
Laura Derrickson



Cindy Dobreff
Fred Dodds
Lori Dodge
Lana Downs



Mike Dublin
Kay Dunnavant
Janice Dwyer
Sharon Eddy



Valerie Eddy
April Efaw
Frances English
Anne Marie Fanto



On the edge of their seats, senior matmaids Debbie Crites, Gretchen Smith, Susan Mason, and Karen Mercer share the tension with the wrestler on the mat.

Senior girls, Tina Alvaro, Anne Clark, Betsy Talbott, Karen Mercer, and Amy Bruce salute their alma mater at the end of another assembly.



Theresa Feltz
Diane Fetty
Jim Fetty



Cathy Figler
James Figler
Bryan Flowers



Jim Floyd
Deirdra Fluker
Dean Fragale



Ann Frank
Kimberly Frey
Mike Furbiee



Julie Gall
Lori Garcia
Tammy Geldbaugh





George Gerau
Rose Gerba
Sharon Glazer
Diana Gower

Greg Gross
Jamie Gross
Janice Grubb
John Guido

Debbie Gump
Lori Hales
David Hannah
Danette Hardman



Pinball wizard

Pinball machines and rock music have become synonymous since the movie "Tommy." One person who can support this statement is Scott Reppert, senior, who loves them both.

Scott, who owns 250 albums and 479 singles, became interested in music 14 years ago when his mother started buying him Beatle recordings. Today he collects any type of rock recorded after 1955.

While touring Europe with the Phase 4 English classes last fall, he accumulated a lot of material dealing with this style of music. He returned to the U.S. with 3 albums and 102 singles including several recorded by the famous group, the Sex Pistols.

He plans to attend college and would like to become a disc jockey or write lyrics.

So where does pinball fit in? In his "spare" time, he enjoys playing the machine and even has his own at home. But that doesn't mean he doesn't play at other places. He considers himself fairly good and must be since he often spends three hours or more at the Mall's Game Room with only 50 cents.

Bill Hatfield
Randy Haught
Paul Hayhurst



Tammy Hayhurst
Sharon Heck
Ken Helmick



Liz Heine
Floyd Henderson
Janet Henderson



Pam Hennen
Donna Herdman
Mark Hess



Something out of the ordinary

Most sophomores dream of the far-off days when they will be out of school and on their own. Some look forward to getting married while others plan on getting jobs. For Jeannie Rider Buby these dreams have already come true.

Jeannie was married when she was 17 and now, two and one-half years later, she lives in Barrackville with her husband Lloyd and their 18-month-old son Jason.

"Adjusting wasn't hard," explained Jeannie, "You accept responsibilities when you know that there are bills to be paid."

In order to help out, Jeannie worked four to eight hours every day at Burger Chef in addition to carrying a full schedule of classes. Any free time was devoted to Lloyd and the baby.

Despite her hectic schedule, Jeannie claimed that if she had it to do over again she would.





Becky Hess
Rick Higgs



Susan Hlebinsky
Melinda Hogan



Rodney Hoylman
James Hupp



Sharon Iaquina
Kathy Imes

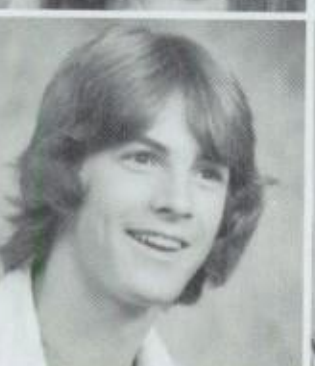


Suzuki rider Bill Boram faces high hills and wintery conditions to enjoy his hobby of motorcross. In competition in Pennsylvania, he won the Gold Cup Award.

Bilinda Jack
Randy Jones
Christa Kerns
Lewis Kincaid



Brian King
John Klingensmith
Connie Lambert
Tony Lauderback



John Layman
Mark Layman
Jay Lemley
Cathy Lewis



Jennifer Little
Louise Little
Tom Lynch



Carole Mahaffey
Fred Martin
Joyce Martin



And the beat goes on



Take two guitar players, mix in one lead singer, one drummer, and one trombone and one trumpet player. What does one get? A band called "Silverbeat."

In 1974 Ed Sine developed the band and by 1978 the members included Ed Sine and John Guido, seniors; Shelly Vilar, junior; and Roger Sine, Brian Vingle, and Steve Squires, sophomores.

The group made \$200 to \$500 an evening and New Year's Eve they cleared over \$1,000 playing at the Kingwood Armory. The money earned was partially spent on buying new equipment.

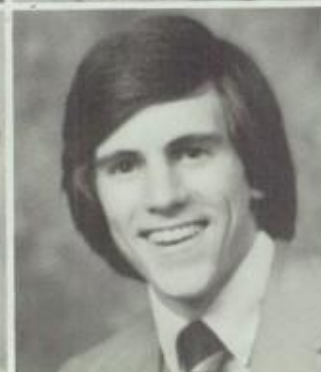
A letter from the governor allowed them to travel to Charleston for publicity purposes.

Practicing at Eddie Sine's house for another performance is Eddie Sine, Steven Squires, Brian Vingle, and Roger Sine.

Wesley Martin
Lori Mason
Susan Mason



Bert Matheny
Tim McAteer
Brett McClain





Honor Graduates — FRONT ROW: Liz Heine, Brett McClain, Ed Sine, Brad Waronicki, Debbie Crites, and Kay Dunnavant; SECOND ROW: Anne Marie Fanto, Tom McDowell, Jeff Schieb, Ann Frank, Lori Hales, and Gary McCutcheon; THIRD ROW: Martha Nikolich, Betsy Talbott, Toni Brunett, Pam Hennen, Larry Bonnette, and Donna Merrifield; FOURTH ROW: Robin Spitznogle and James Morgan. All honor graduates obtained a 3.75 average or above.



Gary McCutcheon
Donna McDowell
Tom McDowell
Robert Meffe



James Melton
John Mentus
Karen Mercer
Beth Meredith



Donna Merrifield
Alica Michael
Pam Mikol
Kimberly Moats



Scott Mohr
Tracy Moore
James Morgan
Stephanie Mossburg



Joey Nagy
Robby Newcome
Martha Nickolich
Denise Nickel

Patricia Nixon



Toni Parker



Alan Parks



Tammie Parrish



Julie Pasko



Diana Pellillo



After being crowned "Mr. Irresistible," at the Homecoming bonfire, Mike Dublin, senior, receives a hug from Gretchen Smith, student body secretary-treasurer.

Juniors jump

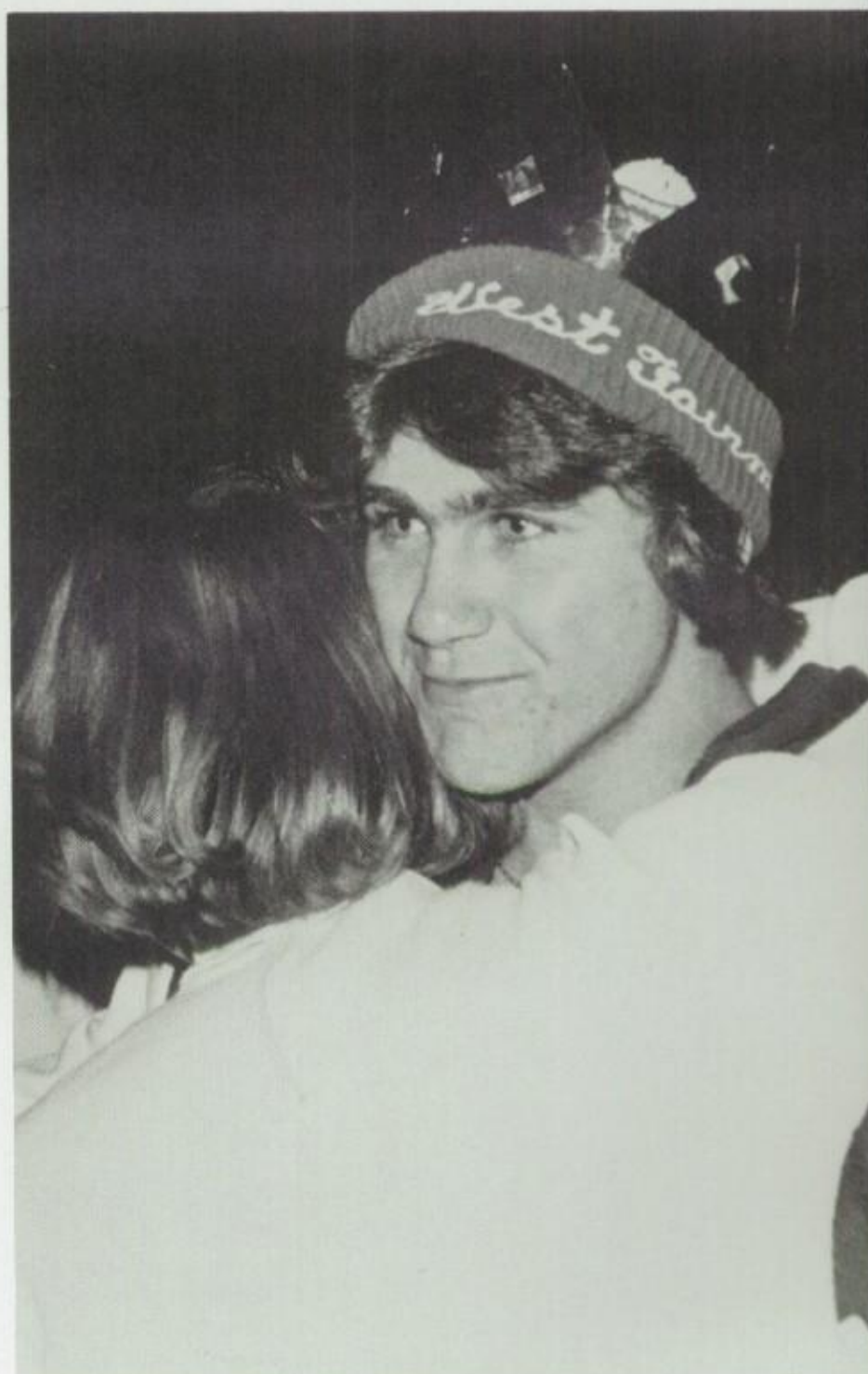
Why would anyone want to spend part of a summer vacation in a classroom when she didn't have to? Lori Garcia and Valerie Eddy did it as step one in their plan to graduate from high school in three years instead of the traditional four.

Along with a session of summer school, all three-year graduates had to pass six classes each year.

Both girls agreed they decided to leave high school life a year early because they "just wanted to get out."

Lori hopes to spend some time at the beach and then enter college at Fairmont State. Valerie's goal is to save enough money to buy a motorcycle for racing and then do some traveling.

Along with Lori Garcia and Valery Eddy, approximately eight other students ordered caps and gowns one year earlier to graduate with the Class of '78.





Becky Pileggi



Vanessa Plivelich



Patty Poshadel



Derek Post
Kimberly Postlethwait
Tim Prah



Kimberly Pregley
Robin Prendergast
Natalie Price



Paul Pudsell
Cindy Quinton
Genny Raikes



Scott Reppert
Kimberly Retton
Shelley Rombola



Daughters of the American Revolution honored Susan Hlebinsky with an award which is given annually.

With the combination of brains and hard work, Debbie Crites and Kay Dunnavant rank at the top of their class as salutatorian and valedictorian.



Jim Ross-Robertson
Mike Rowe
Bruce Ryder
Donna Satterfield
Lee Ann Satterfield



Jeff Scheib
Donnie Schwartz
Sarah Schwartz
Rick Sestito
Michael Wong Shan



Hung up on rugs

What began as a project in childhood developed into a continuing hobby for Liz Heine, senior.

Spinning sheep's wool to make blankets and weaving seat covers led to Liz's largest project, a wall hanging of 100 per cent wool which Liz brought back from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, after visiting there during Christmas vacation.

Using a 24-inch harness and a 60-inch loom, Liz began the tedious job of horizontal warping and vertical wefting, carefully following an original design that was created by a teacher in Ripley, WV. 100 hours later the rug was complete.

While the workmanship of the rug itself was done by Liz, her sister Ellen, who also weaves, loaned some of the necessary materials and helped to fight the cost of the others, while the loom was furnished by the University of Delaware.

The rug itself is done in two shades of brown, tan, and white Alpaca wool with goat's hair woven in for strength following the Peter Collingwood Double Cordory Vertical Warp Technique. Liz displayed her rug in Mrs. Judy Byer's class as a creative project.

Anyone who would like to take up weaving as a hobby should realize the expense it involves. Along with the cost of the wool itself goes the cost of a harness and loom—anywhere from \$75 to \$5000.



Vicki Shields



Wendy Shimer



Kevin Shuman



Eddie Sine



Bernard Smith



Denise Smith
Gretchen Smith
Steven Smith
Bill Snyder



Frank Sowers
Robin Spitznogle
Rick Stevenski
Dolores Stoneking



The "S" stands for super

"Nobody Does It Better" served as the motto for the Senior Class and they were convinced that no one could.

It was their year to own the Senior Court, sit in the center section of the auditorium, and leave thuses first.

They decorated the main hall for Homecoming and East-West Week and won the traditional spirit link competition.

Their gift to the school was a sign for the top of the building that says "Home of the Bears."

The final activities of being a senior included such things as Recognition Day, semester tests, a class trip, a skating party, a picnic, commencement, and a buffet dinner and dance after graduation.

Planning Senior Week are Mrs. Debbie Moore and Mr. James Cimino, advisers; Genny Raikes, vice president; Stevie Smith, president; and Sharon Glazer, treasurer.



Dawn Straight
David Swiger
Roberta Talbert
Betsy Talbott
John Thompson



Donna Tiano
Kelly Toothman
Tom Tucker
Dennis Vanguilder
Ronald Vessecchia

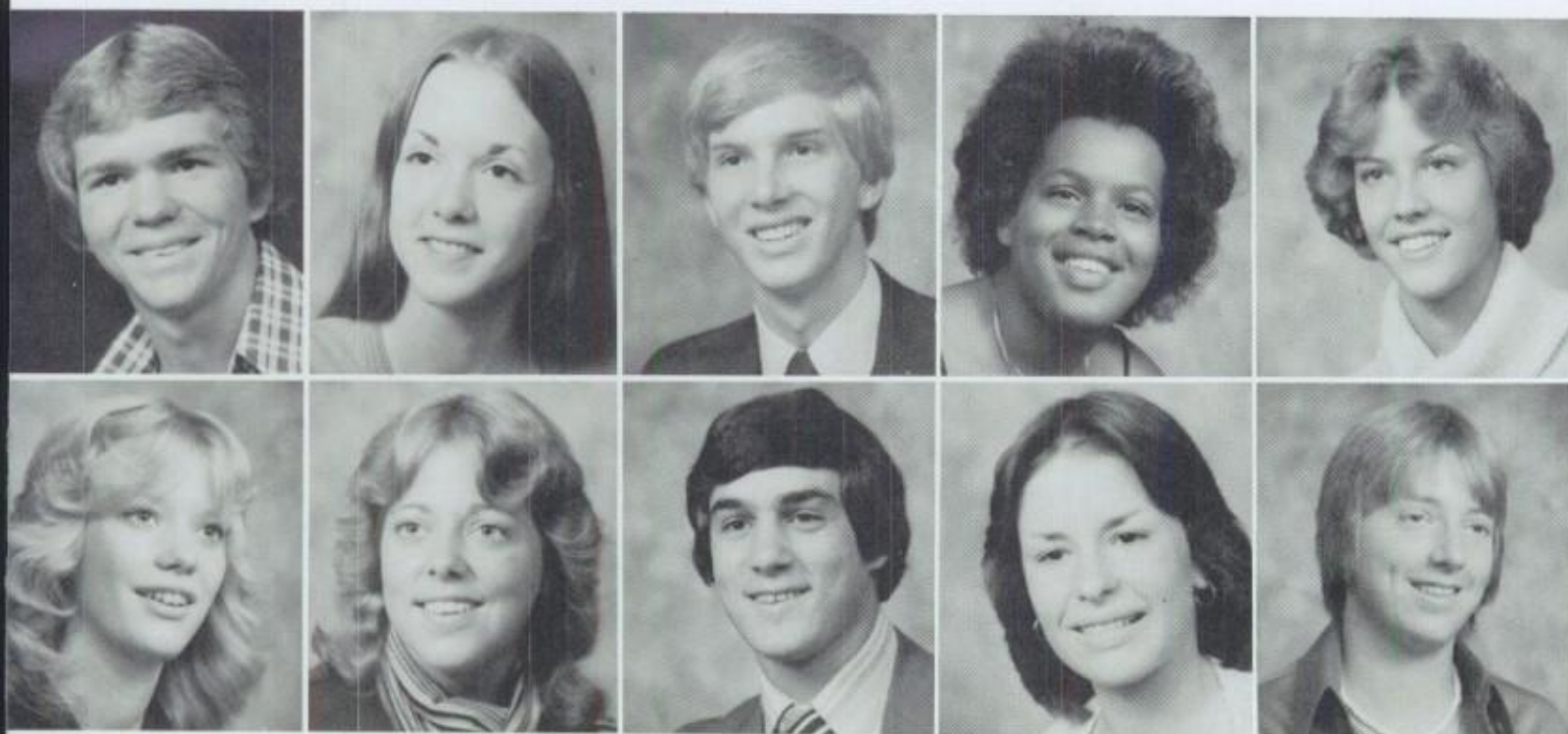


Mitch Vingle
Sheryl Wales
Brad Waronicki
Crystal Waters
Jon Whetzel



Jack Whiteman
James Whiteman
Debbie Wilfong
Dorothy Wilfong
Cindy Williams





Mark Williams
Kimberly Willis
Barry Wills
Jessie Mae Wills
Mary Pat Wilson

Wendy Winter
Shelly Wise
Mike Wood
Cathy Wright
Bob Wysner



Over the thrill of victory, Calvin Turner, senior, celebrates after beating East Fairmont and finishing with an undefeated season.

A dream come true



A big project, the building of the backdrop, is carried out by Ray Prudnick, Mrs. Jo Lawson, Mr. Don Stevens, and Tony Evans.

A dream come true for Shelley Rombola as Kevin Clarke crowns her Prom Queen during coronation.





Streamers from the chandelier add an interesting effect as Kevin Clarke, president, decorates.

Adding a final touch to the decorations just a few hours before the prom are Nan Charlton and Terri Hollen, juniors.



Between the worries and the work, the laughter and the fun, the money and the time, the Junior Class sponsored the traditional Junior Senior Prom.

Featuring the sounds of "Pegasus," the dance was held at the Fairmont State College Ballroom April 29 from 8 to 11 p.m. With theme of "Today, Always, and Forever," the ballroom was decorated in shades of pink.

The Junior Carnival was cancelled so the Prom almost wasn't. Then the Junior Class sponsored pepperoni bun and submarine sales, instead of the traditional Junior Carnival. Junior Class advisers were Mrs. Kathy Jacques and Mrs. Glenna Martin.

Escorts were Mike Burdoff, John Case, Gibbs Davidson, Skeeter Delligatti, Mike Dublin, Jim Fetty, David Hannah, Paul Hayhurst, Randy Jones, Jay Lemley, Brett McClain, John Mentus, Robby Newcome, Stevie Smith, and Brad Waronicki, seniors.

= JUNIORS =

If any expression described a class, possibly the phrase "at long last the Junior Class" proved appropriate for the future '79 graduates. Following two years of apathy, the third year students joined together to present the "Prom that almost wasn't."

Due to the 104-day coal strike, all after school activities were curtailed; therefore, the Junior Class found it impossible to stage the traditional Junior Carnival to raise prom funds. In frantic search for a means of raising money, it was suggested that each junior class member donate \$2. When the donations were totaled, the figure was still \$200 short. Once again minds worked together and came up with the idea of selling pepperoni buns. Dozens of buns later, the word on prom was "GO!"

At long last the class of 248 juniors were a little late, but more than made up for lost time.



A place to munch on fries and sip on cokes, McDonald's provides Debbie Rundle, Debbie Soles, and Debbie Dunlap with the makings of a Friday night.

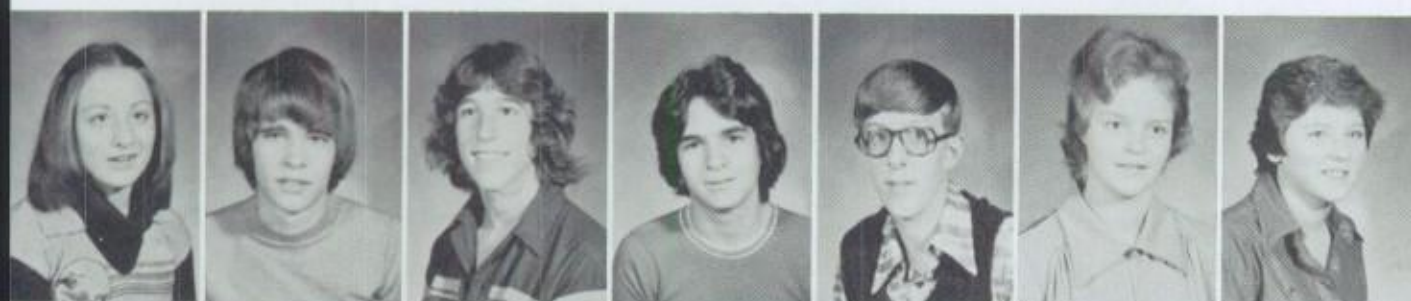
Members of the Junior Class join together to get rowdy at the basketball sectionals.



Representing the Junior Class as officers are Sharon Hinton, treasurer; Jodi Bowers, secretary; Scott Weaver, vice president; and Kevin Clarke, president.

Junior attendant Phoenicia Butler is escorted by class President Kevin Clarke at the Homecoming dance.





Anita Alberico
Tim Alban
Buddy Anderson
David Arnett
Tom Asher
Joyce Audia
Donna Bailey



Curtis Barber
Jeff Barlow
Brenda Barr
Stan Beafore
DeJaye Bearden
Anna Mae Bell
Tom Blake



Kimberly Blubaugh
Larry Bonasso
Tammy Booth
Bobby Bosley
Garry Bourne
Jodi Bowers
Mark Bowyer



Diana Boyce
Nancy Brady
Twinkle Brown
Phoenicia Butler
Mike Cale
Lisa Campbell
Tammy Cervo



Nan Charlton
Terri Cheslock
Sherry Christian
Kevin Clarke
Janet Clayton
Dave Clevenger
Tom Clyde



Jeff Coe
Melanie Cogar
Becky Cogar
Ardella Coleman
Bill Coleman
Joe Commodore
Mark Conrad



John Cooper
Alice Cox
Mike Dagle
John Daristotle
James Davis
Kelley DeMoss
Linda Denniston



Jim Derrickson
Tobise Dukich
Debbie Dunlap
Greg Dunn
Carol Duskey
Debbie Efaw
Brad Elbon

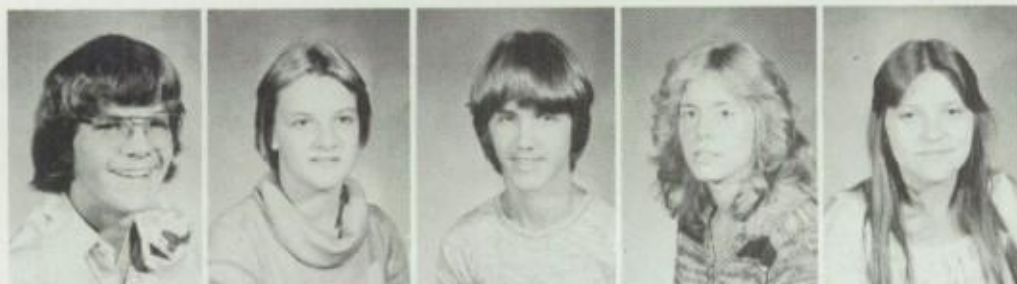


Jenny Eskew
Erin Fahey
Jill Ferry
Anthony Finamore
David Finamore
Lisa Fitzmaurice
Jeffrey Fleming

Honor Guards chosen for the prom – **FRONT ROW:** Chuck Meredith, Paul Straight, Steve Talbott, Dan Phillips, David Lowdermilk, and Ronnie Retton; **BACK ROW:** David Smith, Bobby Fortney, John Daristotle, Mike Cale, and Bobby Yanero.



David Flowers
Maureen Floyd
Bobby Fortney
Marianne Frazier
Pam Freeland



Tammy Freeland
Mike Gallo
Annamarie Gardi
Rick Geldaugh
Lea Ann Gerkin



Tammy Gilardi
James Glass
George Green
Kim Green
Dawna Grega



Rick Haldeman
Denise Hall
Patty Haught
Tawnya Hayes
Randy Haymond



Mike Hebb
Renee Helzer
Eric Henderson
Kathy Henderson
Jackie Hess



Sharon Hinton
Bobby Holbert
Terri Hollen
Kathy Howes
David Hunt



Forming a line-up for the basketball players are **LEFT:** John Case, Brian Morgan, Jeff Barlow, Mike Cale, Mitch Vingle, and Brad Waronicki; **RIGHT:** David Finamore, Kevin Shuman, and Gibbs Davidson.





Rhonda Hunt
Dianna Jackson
Donald Jackson
Linda Jackson
Robin Jackson
Tom Jacquez
Ophearl Jones
Etta Kay Kabulski

Steve Kennedy
Greg Kidwell
Keith Kisner
Vicki Larew
Karl Lauderback
Susan Laughlin
David Lowdermilk
Lenny Marra



Negative thinking

It's a paradox—the more Jeff Straight spends time with endless exposures, the more he becomes a negative thinker.

Jeff, a junior, is the one seen at every sports event, every club induction, and every unusual incident “snapping pictures.”

He is the one who has taken over 200 rolls of film and developed all 4000 pictures in one year.

He is the one who know how to dodge a flying football or that ever-popular statement “Take my picture.”

He is the one who began his true “picture” at Western Kentucky University only to end up as staff photographer for two years.

He is the one who works to pay off a \$3500 debt on photography equipment ... he is a negative thinker indeed.



Peggy Martin
Sue Martin
Dan Maselli
Bruce Mazurek
Bart McClain
Bill McCoy
Kim McDowell
Sally McLaughlin

Chuck Meredith
Michele Mezzapelle
Robin Mickens
Carolyn Miller
John Miller
Mark Moore
Brian Morgan
Eunice Morrone

Tonya Murray
Eric Neptune
Chet Nickolich
Judy Nixon
John Owings
Brenda Paknik
Bonnie Parks
Mike Prendergast

Mark Pasquale
 Tammy Patechuk
 Chuck Paul
 Mike Perry
 Danny Phillips
 Doug Pinn
 Bill Piscitelli



Phillip Pocius
 Brian Post
 Brian Powell
 Dee Ann Prozzillo
 Stan Prudnick
 Suzanne Purdy
 Don Reed



Kim Reese
 Tammy Reese
 Ronnie Retton
 Rhonda Rife
 Jim Riffle
 Debbie Rundle
 Lori Ruoff



A desirable duty

Tammy Booth, junior, literally danced her way into a job. 14 years of lessons at Ona's Dance Studio provided her with the task of teaching two to five-year-old children tap and ballet as well as instructing junior high students in acrobat, jazz, and tap.

Every Saturday from 9:30 to 4:30 Tammy attends acrobat, tap, and baton classes. In the past, she has had at least two years of instruction in everything from jazz and ballet to Hawaiian dancing.

Of all of her classes, baton is Tammy's

specialty and favorite. Entering twirling competitions in Wheeling, Bridgeport, and Clarksburg have not only provided her with several medals but also the hope of teaching baton lessons in the future.

Moreover, due to her dancing background with experience in choreography and rhythm, she has come upon the job of teaching and advising the FOP Colts in the summer.

Dancing—definitely a different but desirable duty.





Curtis Russell
Becky Rutherford
Rick Sago
Lewis Schwartz
Kathy Schwartz
Chuck Sconish
Cliff Serafine



Vicki Sergent
Mindy Sherbs
Pamela Simmons
Herman Sims
Eddie Skarzinski
Vanessa Smallwood
David Smith



Margie Smith
Becky Smith
Debbie Soles
Renee Stern
Ken Stewart
Kendra Stingo
Linda Storms



Melissa Stout
Jeff Straight
Paul Straight
Kathy Stutler
David Summers
Greg Summers
Steve Talbott



Rick Tano
Patty Tate
Mark Testa
Dawn Thompson
Kim Thompson
Lynn Thompson
Sandy Thorne



Cindy Threlkeld
Helen Tsui
Kevin Tucker
Tom Uchick
Shelly Vilar
Curtis Wasner
Mark Watson



Robert Weaver
Scott Weaver
Nancy Weis
Diana Wells
Claudia Willey
Denny Williams
Kimberly Williams



Amy Wilson
Carol Wilson
Samra Wilson
Tera Wilson
Bill Wilson
Bruce Winter
Sandra Wix



Rocky Wyont
Bobby Yanero
Melodie Yanero
Mona Yelcich
Charlie Young
Kimberly Zickefoose

Sophomore Class officers — Jim Wolfe, president; Tim Haley, vice president; Merry Beth Oliveto, secretary; Barbara Smyton, treasurer.

Suited up for Regionals are Don Whiting, sophomore, and John Layman, senior, who serve as basketball managers.



SOPHOMORES

Just like the myth of a middle child the Sophomore Class rarely hit the spotlight, captured the attention of others, or made a distinct imprint. After all, the Sophomore Class wasn't a bunch of naive freshmen, didn't sponsor prom, and didn't graduate in June. Most just took their required biology and that was that—yet sophomores became the class "waiting in the wings."

Not always did sophomores take a back-seat. At assemblies they captured the spirit stick twice. Most hit the books taking what was usually a rough six-class schedule. Also, the sophomore year gave students a

chance to find their own club, sport, or outlet. Unlike the previous year, announcements now read all **sophomores**, juniors, and seniors . . . Future plans of fund raising projects floated in their minds while "visions of prom danced in their heads."

Some think a sophomore's year is forgotten, but for 275 it was a year of coming one step closer to graduating, reaching the half-way mark in high school, choosing activities, and thinking of the next year's challenges. While some found the year slow, most sophomores knew that their class was "waiting in the wings."



Hosts and Hostesses — FRONT ROW: Lori Pizate, Kelly Williams, Pam Jones, Liz Critchfield, Amy Tanton, Barbara Smyton, Antoinette Eates, Gina Guzman. BACK ROW: Eric Shimer, Tony Evans, Gary LaDon, Tom Nickolich, Mark Tonkovich, Tod Craft, Charles Francis, Tim Haley, Jim Wolfe.

Walking down the aisle at the Homecoming dance: sophomore attendant Lee Ann Roth and her escort Jim Wolfe.



Kathy Adams
Frances Alvaro
Tommy Anderson
David Ashby
Jeff Audia
Monica Baker
Beth Barkley



Shauna Barnes
Jamie Bearden
Alden Bennett
John Bevins
Rose Anne Blake
Julie Blankenship
Russell Bonasso



Mark Boord
Mike Boram
Mark Bosley
Clarence Brooks
Becky Brown
Kelly Brown
Kristie Bundy



Danny Burns
Billy Campbell
Beth Cannon
David Carovillano
Scott Carroll
Linda Chester
Carol Christy



Carla Cianfrocca
Steve Clagett
Mark Clarke
Kathy Clayton
Todd Clyde
Debra Collins
Todd Copley



Cynthia Costello
David Cox
Tod Craft
Liz Critchfield
Brenda Crites
Nancy Cummings
James Davis



Linda Davis
Lisa Delli-Gatti
Mark Delligatti
Philip Delligatti
Florence DeRosa
Cornelius Dillard
Alan Dunn



Ed Dunn
Debbie Dzielski
Antoinette Eates
Bucky Efaw
Stephanie Efaw
Nina Elliott
Tony Evans



Ron Everhart
Cindy Fluharty
Kevin Fluharty
Winnie Fluharty
Diane Fonte
Kim Forcelli
James Ford

Different strokes for different folks

Kevin Fluharty, sophomore, paints not only for personal pleasure but for profit as well. He started painting three years ago and has sold six of the 26 paintings he has completed for a profit of over \$100.

He has had no training other than his school art class and states that Mr. Don Stevens, art teacher, has been a great help to him.

Kevin, who has a small studio in his home, enjoys painting to music for inspiration and may spend anywhere from a few hours to a few weeks to complete a painting.

He paints realistically and emphasizes detail. "I like to see description down to the veins in the arms," he stated.

Like most fun-loving jobs, approximately two-thirds of his money goes back into the buying of supplies.



Kit Ford
Charles Francis



Eugene Frey
John Frye



Rocco Fucillo
Tim Funk



Robbie Garcia
Joyce Gaskill



David Gaston
John Gordes



With a boost of enthusiasm, JV head cheerleader LeAnn Roth, sophomore, cheers during an assembly.



Bruce Glass
Ellen Glazer
Rose Glover
Mike Gower
Lorie Green



Steve Gregor
Gina Guzzo
Tina Guzzo
Scott Hale
Bruce Hales



Tim Haley
Timmy Hall
Doug Hammond
Stephanie Hannon
Chris Harding



Jim Hare
Ginny Haught
Jeff Hayhurst
Annie Haymond
Ronnie Haymond



Leisha Heathcote
Christina Heldreth
Jeff Helman
Betty Helmick
Terry Henthorn



Denise Hermosilla
Edith Higgins
Sheryl Holbert
Jennifer Huey
Rose Ierace



Sheree Ison
Deanna Jackson
Pam Jones
Susan Jones
Debbie Julian



Scott Keener
Leigh Ann Kerns
Cindy Kincell
Becky Knisely
Randall Kocsis

Darlene Lake
Gary LeDonne
Patricia Leeson
Kelly Lemley
Scott Lemley
Kurt Lengel
Jeff Lepera
Margie Levendosky



Pam Lichtenfels
Andrew Lindsay
Diane Linear
Jim Lockhart
Juanita Lockhart
Danny Lusk
Lee Anne Manns
Jim Marshall



Marcia Marshall
David Maselli
Phil Massinople
Angie Maunz
June McElfresh
Sam McLaughlin
Jennifer McLeary
Jeff Merrifield



JV cheerleaders — FRONT ROW: Dawna Grega; SECOND ROW: Sharon Hinton, Debbie Julian; THIRD ROW: Lee Ann Roth, Cindy Kincell; TOP ROW: Lisa Thobois.

David Merrill
Troy Mezzanotte
Dawn Mike



Carla Minico
Randy Morris
Jay Mullins



Susan Nestor
Mindy Nickel
Tom Nickolich



Mike Niezgoda
Brenda Nunez
Dave Offutt



Billy Oliver
Merry Beth Oliveto
Kathy Orgill



Alana Pender
Mitzie Pinn
Lori Pizatella





Greg Plivelich
 Danny Potesta
 John Prendergast
 Cindy Price
 Dawn Price
 Don Raikes
 Bobby Rannenberg
 Joni Raspa

Beth Reese
 George Reeves
 Mike Reid
 Tony Richards
 Joyce Rose
 Lori Rosenberger
 Lee Ann Roth
 John Rowand

Sam Ruggiero
 Bob Rundle
 Susie Ruoff
 Robin Russell
 Mary Sue Sago
 Susan Sampson
 Barry Sanner
 Stefanie Sansalone

Frank Saporito
 Susan Satterfield
 Chucky Sanders
 Jody Saunders
 Becky Sauro
 Adrienne Schneider
 James Schulte
 James Schultz

Barbie Schwartz
 Lee Sesler
 Eric Shimer
 Judy Simmons
 Lisa Simmons
 Roger Sine
 Stan Skarzinski
 Barbara Smith



Hugh cried Wolf(e)

Leaving the mountainside for seven days on a trip to New York City gave Jim Wolfe the opportunity to quiz a corporation president, meet with a sports superstar, and challenge a television anchorman . . . in other words, the chance to view the world in a 'dream week.'

Jim, the recipient of the Hugh O'Brian award, was one of the two sophomores to be selected by the national committee headed by Honorary Chairman Mamie Doud Eisenhower.

Hugh O'Brian, the actor who established the foundation in 1958, wanted to make his own contribution to youth. He selected this manner, hoping to guide and give sophomores some experiences before they were called upon to lead their peers.

Barbara Smyton
Linda Snyder
Steve Squires
Wesley Staud
Donna Steele
Mike Stern
Randy Stickley
Becky Stone



Ed Strawderman
Genevieve Stubbs
Mary Stuckey
Amy Tarleton
John Tennant
Lisa Thobois
Karen Thompson
Gary Tonkery



Patricia Tonkery
Mark Tonkovich
Joni Toothman
Frankie Towns
Lisa Turner
Dominick Urso
Ann Vandergrift
Kim Varner



One step at a time



Though she can't stand and clap at thuses, Lori Rosenberger's voice blends with the other students to cheer for her school.

It's a school not equipped for her disability, but after leaving Monongah Catholic, Lori decided to attend Fairmont Senior to continue a normal education. Lori said she didn't regret her decision and claimed, "The kids were very helpful and considerate about carrying my books to class."

At the age of five, Lori discovered that she had muscular dystrophy. Since that time, she learned to accept her handicap without allowing it to rule her life.

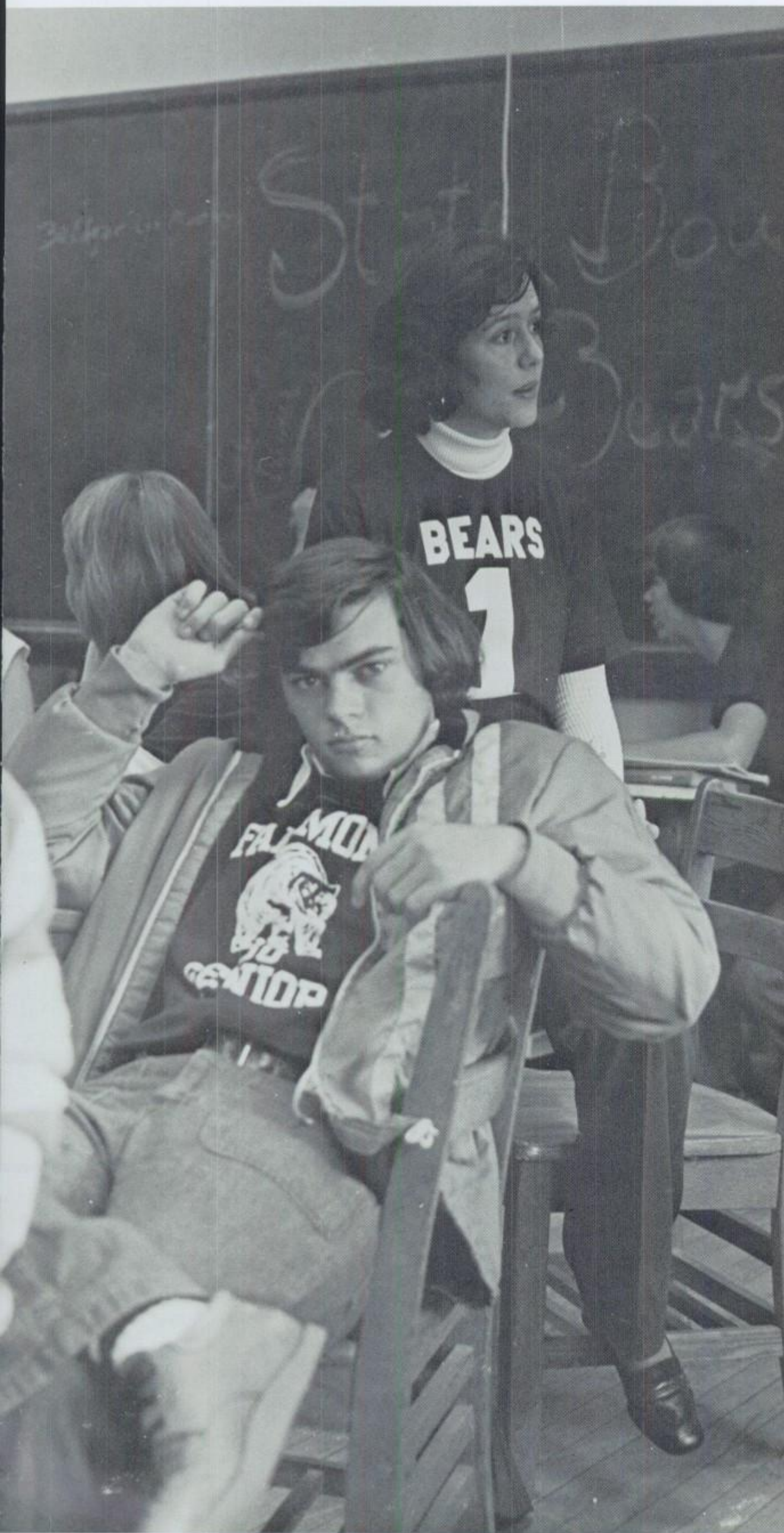
A special bus brought Lori to school, but once here she was on her own. With a positive attitude, Lori took things one step at a time, smiling all the way.

Brian Vingle
Susan Wadsworth
Paul Wagner
John Wallman
J.P. Wallman
Elizabeth Warren
Chris Weaver
Karen White



Don Whiting
Brian Williams
Kellie Williams
Brian Willis
John Wills
Kim Wilson
Mark Wilson
Todd Wise





Jim Wolfe



Paula Wood



Ricky Wright



Susie Yost



Julie Zickefoose

Even in English class Polar Bear fans like Charles Stevens, sophomore, and Miss Linda Pinnell show their spirit by wearing their T-shirts.

Girls' basketball enthusiast Donna Lampkin, freshman, shouts encouragement to players at a home game.

Homecoming attendant Holly Hutchinson and her escort Robert Pileggi represent the Freshmen Class at the annual dance.



A ladder and stapler help Tracey Weaver construct decorations for the Freshman Hall during East-West Week competition.

A vital help to the girls' basketball team is Anita Layman, freshman, who works as statistician at each Fifth Street game.

FRESHMEN

One must admit that life as a freshman was rough. Facing orientation, initiations, and class changes were all unfamiliar to "freshmen." Yet, for most the relief of finally being in high school created a bit of excitement and confidence. Freshmen became the new faces in new places.

To think that just one year before they had walked with ease among the seventh graders in junior high was shocking. Their stride broke into a fast jolt as many found themselves avoiding places like the main hall and Senior Court. Advice on how to cope with being a freshmen was one-sided. Parents guaranteed them it was "all a part

of growing up;" teachers assured them "it would soon stop;" upperclassmen told them to "get lost." Finally, the freshmen found a place of their own in the balcony of the auditorium at each assembly—it became the one place where they could feel "above" all others.

Slowly, the trials of carrying six books to every class because one's locker was hidden somewhere on the third floor, or the tribulations of getting lost three times from the Freshman Building to the Polar Bear Building became routine. For 295 freshmen were new faces getting used to new places.



George Abel
Lonnie Arbogast
Mark Arnold
Karen Ashcraft
Suzanne Bailey
Bonnie Barker
Jackie Barker
Paul Barker

Todd Barlow
Sharon Barr
Tommy Barr
Kelly Beafore
Louis Beafore
Dana Biafore
Tammy Biafore
Bridget Blake

Tami Blake
Melanie Boggs
Anne Bomar
Scott Bosley
Dave Bowyer
Rita Boyce
Buddy Boyers
Guy Brotsky

Susan Brown
Cynthia Bryant
Ed Buchanan
Denzil Bush
Mark Byers
Jodie Caldwell
Johna Campbell
Kari Carlson

Sam Cassella
John Cavicchio
David Chandler
Greg Chrislip
Gerald Christy
Jeff Clarke
Buddy Cline
Brian Cobun

Deanna Coburn
Nick Colasessano
Mark Collins
Mary Pat Connor
Allison Cooke
Rob Cooper
Richard Cosner
David Cottingham

Cheryl Cox
Janie Cox
Chris Craft
Becky Culbertson
Mike Cutlip
Kim Davidson
Patrick Davis
Sheila Davis

Carolyn DeBarr
John Deiriggi
James Delligatti
John DeLuca
Mac DeRiggi
Kristi Dodge
Gloria Douglas
Greg Drake

Latonia Drake
Robin Drummond
Monica Dublin
Mary Dunlap
Donna Sue Duskey
Frank Dzielski
Monica Eates
Karen Edwards

Vicki Evans
Jackie Fahey
Jamie Feltz
Connie Figler
Debbie Fleming



Linda Fortney
Christine Fotiou
Joe Fox
Chris Fragale
Brad Freeland



The chance to gather on the Senior Court comes only for freshmen during Orientation Day after touring the homerooms and attending a general session.



Cheryl Freeland
Walter Furbee
Richard Gall
Roxann Gardi
LeeAnn Garrett



Cindy Gates
Eddie Gillette
Jennifer Golden
Pam Gordon
Bobby Grega



Susan Griffith
David Grogg
Amy Gross
Denise Guzzo
Susan Gwynn





Steve Haney
Cindy Hanning
Tina Hanning
Charles Harris
Karen Hatfield
Lori Hatfield



Lisa Hayhurst
Amy Henry
Joy Herdman
Tom Hess
Deborah Hetrick
Barbara Hill



Regina Hinton
Joel Hoffman
Kathy Hoffman
Kim Holcomb
John Hursey
Holly Hutchinson



Susan Ice
James Jackson
John Jackson
Jimm Jenkins
Lisa Jensen
Mary Jolliffe



Billie Jean Jones
Lynette Jones
Regena Jones
Wendell Jones
Gary Kerns
Jeff Keener



Freshman Cheerleaders—FRONT: Lynne Maruka;
SECOND ROW: Patricia Yanero, Beth Wood, Regina
Hinton; THIRD ROW: Carol Woodward and Shari
Retton.

David Kendrick
James Kerns
Mark King
Brad Kisner
Mark Klinglesmith
Wendy Knisely
Kim Koon
Dolores Kriston



Donna Lampkin
Brenda Lance
Kevin Lantz
Beth Lauderback
Doloris Lauderback
Anita Layman
Patricia Lee
Tommy LeMasters



Shelley Lemley
Carla Linear
Connie Little
Chuck Marshall
John Martin
Lynne Maruka
Keefe Mason
Rodney Matthews



Lori McClain
Becky McCoy
Gina McDowell
Amy McLaughlin
Cathy Michael
Barry Michels
Della Miller
Janet Miller



Steve Mohr
Robert Moody
Henry Moore
Mary Moore
Steve Moore
Diane Morton
Beth Murray
Jennifer Muto



Michele Nickel
Mark Oliver
Susan Oliveto
Robert Owings
Linda Paknik
Chris Payton
Christy Phillips
Robert Pileggi



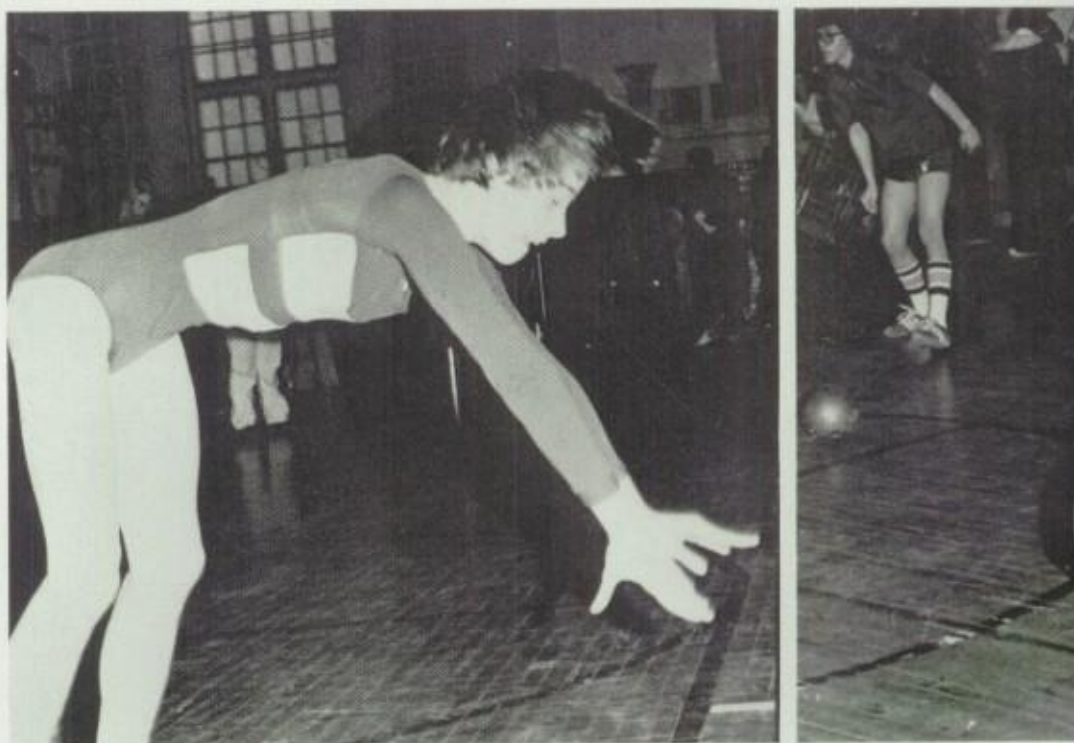
An aerial view

The Aerial Port gymnasium became a "home away from home" for Shari Retton. Shari spent three hours daily practicing for competition and also received three years training at WVU.

Shari had lessons in jazz and ballet under the direction of Monica Folio. At the age of nine, she traveled to New York with her instructor to perform acrobatics.

She is now under the instruction of Pete Longdon. She competed for the Aerial Port Fliers in a West Virginia and Tri-state meet. She traveled to Virginia for the regionals in gymnastics.

She has won ribbons in competition ranging first through sixth place but ranked first continuously. Her goal one day is to be a competitor in the Olympics.



Freshmen Class officers were Regina Hinton, president; Robert Pileggi, vice president; and Jennifer Golden secretary-treasurer.



Jim Pollack
Cathy Poshadel
Terri Prendergast
Eric Price



Pam Priester
Ray Prudnick
Steve Reed
Debbie Reid



Shari Retton
Jimmy Riffie
John Riley
Mariah Rokisky



Fred Roman
Todd Romesburg
Kerry Rose
Sandy Rose



Grayson Rowe
Charles Schrader
Mark Schulte
Donna Schwartz
Scott Sears
Steve Shaffer
Margaret Shaver
Jeff Sheets



Kevin Sigley
Susan Sigley
Ricky Smith
Roy Smith
Kelly Smouse
Carl Spenser
Blair Staud
Brian Steele



Doing what she does best, Shari Retton, freshman, puts the final touches on a round-off back handspring.

Doug Steele
April Stephen
Shelley Stern



Mark Stewart
Ronnie Stickley
Mary Stingo



Jackie Stoneking
Sam Stout
Karl Stricklin



Jeff Summers
Carmen Sweeney
Ilkan Taskin



Jay Tennant
Doug Thompson
Iva Thompson



James Thompson
Kim Thompson
Brenda Tinnell



Joey Toothman
Charles Travis
Debbie Trippett



Tim Tucker
Christalynn Turner
Jonalinn Turner



Kimberly Turner
Pamela Turner
Amy Utt



With a reserved seat at football games, freshmen band member Blair Staud rests before lugging his drum onto the playing field at halftime.

The concerned faces of Lynne Maruka, Beth Wood, and Wendy Knisley, freshmen, pay close attention to Polar Bear wrestlers at the State Wrestling Tournament.



Tammy Valentine
Doreen Vessecchia
Richard Viglianco
Rick Vilar
Denise Vincent
Linda Waddell

Dana Wadsworth
Floyd Wagner
Tim Walker
Kim Walker
Mark Wallman
Tom Wallman

Jim Wang
Todd Waronicki
Carlton Washington
Tracey Weaver
Micheal West
Michele Whetsell

John White
Karen White
Beth Williams
Brian Williams
Jenny Williams
Joe Wilt

Mark Wilt
Malissa Windon
Craig Winter
Brenda Wolfe
Beth Wood
Carol Woodward

Gary Wright
James Wroe
Patricia Yanero
Lisa Yoak
Marjorie Yost
Russell Yost

The man behind the school

Every morning at approximately 7 a.m. he arrived in his white volkswagen (the one with the Polar Bear sticker on the bumper) after traveling 10 miles to work. He walked through the corridors acknowledging those who were there that early. Entering his office, he began the routine of any weekday—assisting those in the office, answering questions, or taking phone calls.

Hung on his office wall were pictures of his seven children. An easy chair was often scooted away from his desk where papers were scattered with demands exceeding his time. It was in this atmosphere that John D. Tennant, Jr. conducted his business as principal.

Even though his normal work day began early, Mr. Tennant's hours continuously fell past the routine schedule. He was often seen leaving the school after six and later that same evening he could be found attending an athletic event, a play, a concert, a dance, or a club banquet. He not only froze on the bleachers at Ripley with the most dedicated of West's followers, but

also showed up for Freshman and JV games.

The demands of his job made juggling family schedules sometimes difficult. Often Mr. Tennant could be overheard arranging rides to and from various places for his children.

When asked about the school year, he labeled it as "outstanding." He was especially pleased with the student representation of the school in state-wide competition. Believing that students should be given a chance, he allowed them to sit where they wanted in assemblies. Though a minor decision, this was one of many that let the students know that he was really with them and not against them.

On a normal day, Principal Tennant could be found walking the halls holding his eyeglasses in one hand and clenching a paper in the other. After only his second year as principal, his blue jacket with the insignia "John D. Tennant, Principal of Fairmont Senior," was a familiar sight. It alone showed his pride in the school.





Mrs. Frankie Babcock: MA — Mathematics, Department Head
Miss Barbara A. Bennett: MA — Science
Mr. Darwin Brookover: MA — Science, Department Head



Mrs. Velma Burton: BS — Business
Mrs. Judy Byers: MA — English
Mr. Joseph Cavalier: AB — Driver Education, Black Culture Society



Mr. James Cimino: MM — French, Piano, Senior Class
Mr. Brian S. Cole: MA — English, Social Studies
Miss Sally Conaway: BS — English, Majorettes



Mr. Anthony Delligatti: MA — History, Physical Education, Assistant Football Coach
Mr. Robert DeLorenzo: MS — Physical Education, Head Football Coach
Mr. Tom Dragich: BS — Social Studies, Student Council, Cross Country, Freshman Basketball, Baseball



Mr. Byron Duncil: MA — Driver Education
Mrs. Betty Eddy: Secretary
Miss Joyce Flint: MA — Chorus, Choraliers, Ensemble



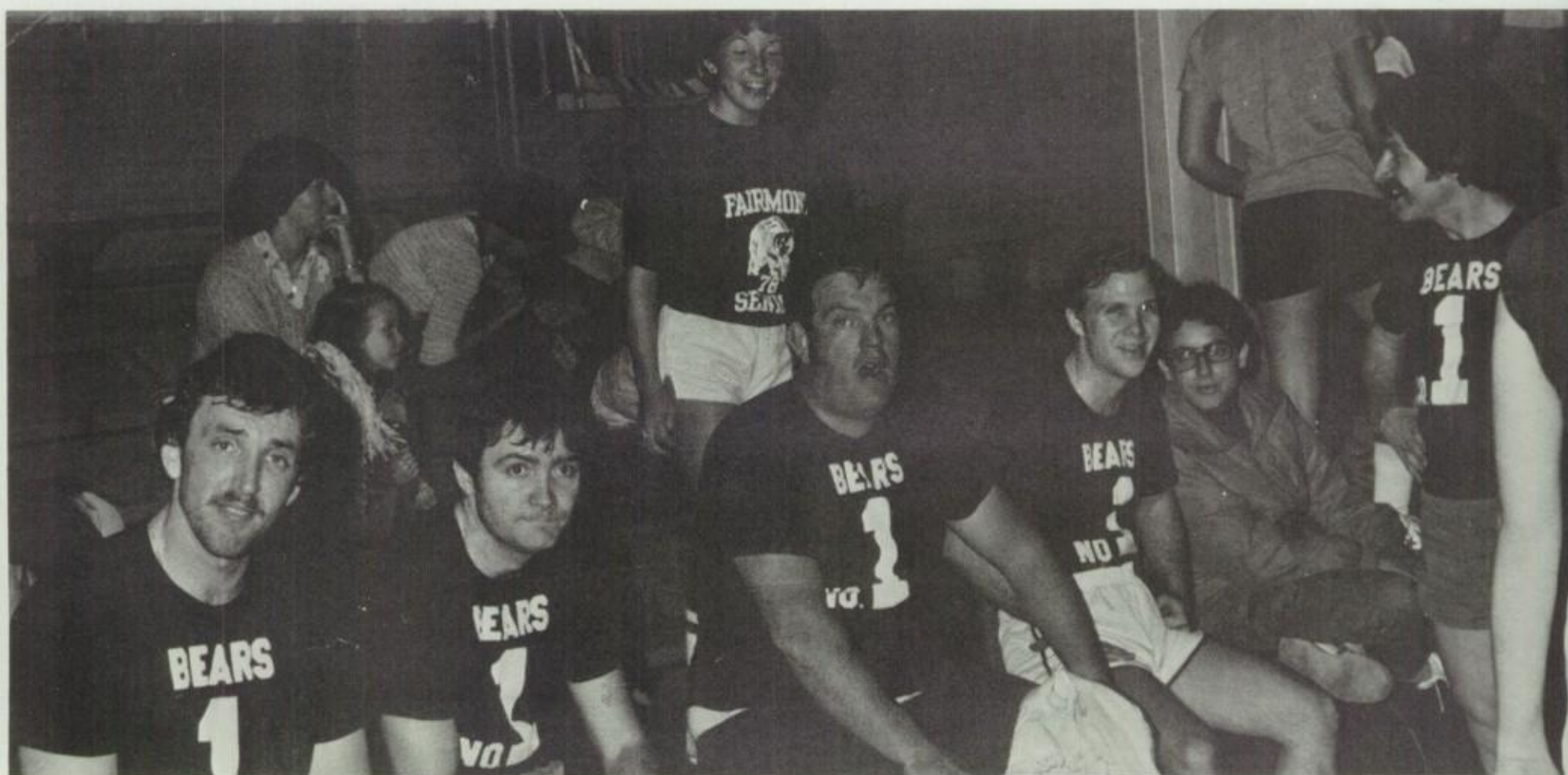
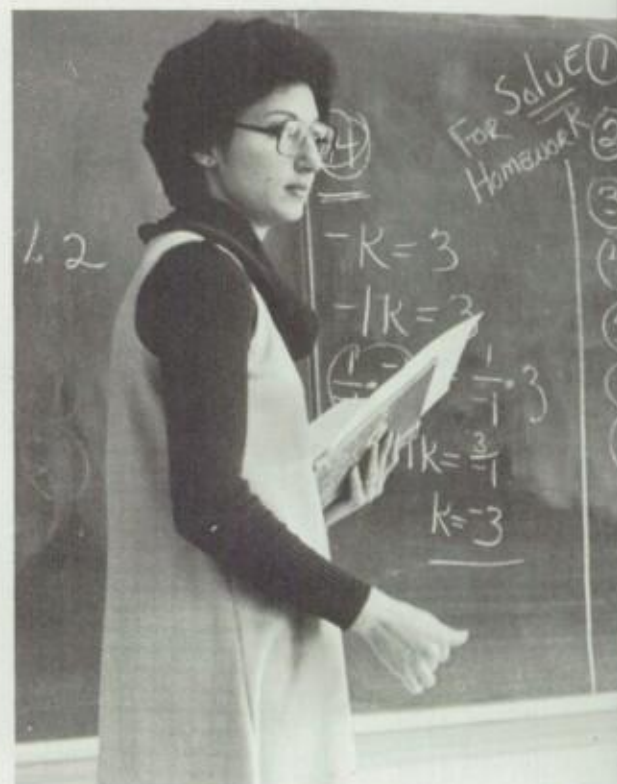
Mr. Richard Hawkins: MA — Industrial Arts, Assistant Track Coach
Mr. Robert Hawkins: MA — Forensics, Speech Communications, Debate, National Forensics League, Masque and Gavel
Miss Linda Huber: MA — Mathematics, Math Club



Mrs. Betty Jaynes: MA — Mathematics, Science
Mr. Gene Kiser: MA — Guidance Counselor
Mr. John Kupets: AB — Printing

Homework problems are assigned by Mrs. Linda Rosenberger, geometry instructor. She returned as a faculty member this year.

Male faculty members who challenged the boys' drafting class in basketball are Mr. John Kupets, Mr. Richard Hawkins, Mr. Byron Duncil, Mr. Lew Petonick, and Mr. Robert Hawkins.



Mrs. Nancy Lawler: AB — Business, FBLA
Mrs. Jo Lawson: AB — English, Cheerleaders, Spirit Club
Mr. Bill Lawson: MA — Science, Head Baseball Coach, Assistant Football Coach
Mrs. Glenna Martin: MA — English, Junior Class



Mrs. Irene Martin: Librarian
Mrs. Stephanie Martin: AB — English
Ms. Janet Matheny: AB — Cooperative Education, Distributive Education Club of America
Mrs. Jean Minutelli: MA — Mathematics





At the end of a busy day of scheduling, Mr. Joe Muto, guidance counselor, clears away a desk full of papers.

A view through the door finds Miss Linda Pinnell stopping to chat with industrial arts students Mike Burdoff and Tim Prah, seniors.

Doing for others



While most faculty members were taking it easy last summer, Mr. Brian Cole, social studies teacher, visited La Esperanza in the Honduras to help build a church for the natives.

Inspired by the evangelist Mr. Maurice Stevens, Mr. Cole and 20 others joined the crusade "Missionary World Service and Evangelism."

Mr. Cole said that a Bible quotation Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," encouraged him to do this.

Even though they found themselves working from the time they arose until they went to bed at night, most still found the experience rewarding.

In fact, Mr. Cole hopes to visit Haiti next year to help build either a church or an orphanage.



Mr. Abe Modi: MS — Industrial Arts
Mrs. Deborah Moore: MA — Journalism, Senior Class, Quill and Scroll, Newspaper, Yearbook
Mrs. Linda Morgan: MA — English, Department Head
Mrs. Diana Munza: AB — Mathematics

Mr. Joe Naternicola: AB — Social Studies, Freshman Football, Head Wrestling Coach
Miss Madeline Oliverio: MA — Business, Dean of Girls, National Honor Society, Department Head
Mr. Lewis Petonick: MA — Social Studies, Freshman Class, Student Council, Track Coach
Miss Linda Pinnell: AB — English, Interact

Keeping track of records, Assistant Principal Mr. Lou Julian carries out one of his many duties as he works on the new absence system.



Mrs. Arella Prunyi: MS — Home Economics, Art, Future Homemakers of America

Mrs. Nancy Radcliffe: AB — Business

Mr. Bill Reppert: MA — Social Studies, Head Basketball Coach, Golf Coach

Mrs. Mary Jo Roman: MA — Guidance Counselor, Polarettes, Black Culture Society



Miss Tina Ruggiero: MA — English, Sophomore Class

Mrs. Nancy Saunders: Treasurer

Mrs. Angie Savereno: AB — Social Studies

Mrs. Julia Shaw: AB — Latin, English, Latin Club, Latin Honorary



Mr. Timothy Slamick: AB — Social Studies

Mrs. Dina Smith: MS — Home Economics, Foods, Family Crafts

Mr. Charles Snyder: MA — Science, Chess Club

Mrs. Pat Steffich: MA — Business, Y-Teens



New faces on the staff, Mrs. Nancy Radcliffe, typing teacher, and Mr. David Nuzum, social studies teacher, use the teachers' lounge to plan for the next day.





After a hard game, Terri Cavallo, senior guard, receives a consoling hug from Mrs. Stephanie Martin, English teacher.

Adding a little spice to life

Students who have sat in Mrs. Julia Shaw's classes would never dream that the same refined lady who attempts to teach them manners as well as Latin keeps pet snakes in her garage and a ground hog named Jasper in her kitchen cabinet.

She also expresses a love for her Calico cat Sabina and her Elkhound Elka.

In her spare time, she works on her farm. She recently carried 11 tons of rock with a wheelbarrow to make a driveway. She has a collection of muzzle loading rifles, but she hesitates to use them. Therefore, she keeps a tomahawk hanging by her front door and hangs hex signs in the windows to ward off evil.

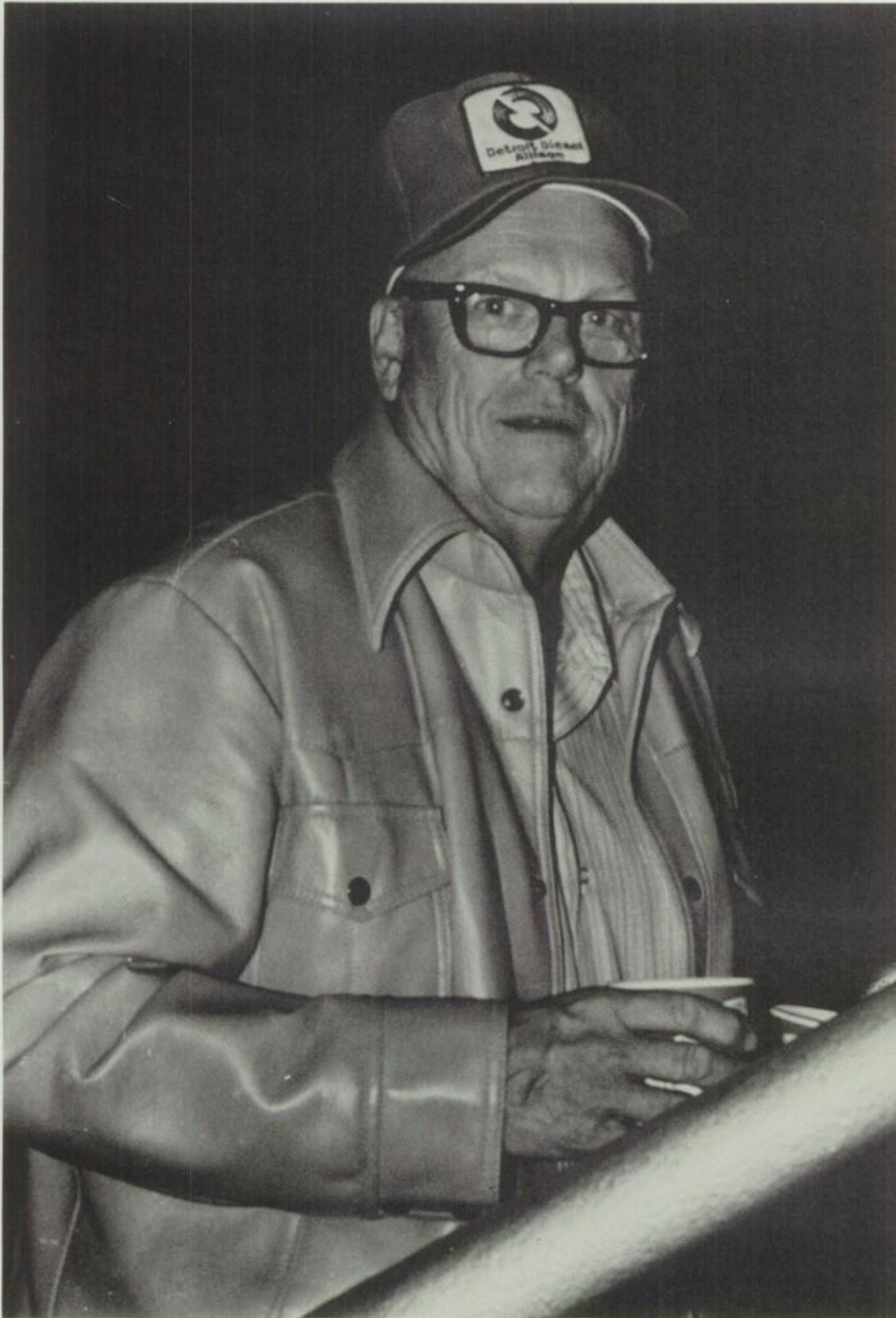
Mrs. Shaw admits when she was a child she wanted two things when she grew up—a concert grand piano and a St. Bernard. She possesses both and although she can't play the piano, somehow one gets the feeling she attempts almost everything else.



Mr. Don Stevens: AB — Art, Art Club, Tennis Coach
Miss Marguerite Stewart: MA — Science
Mrs. Loretta Taylor: MS — Spanish, Spanish Club, Spanish Honorary



Mr. Carl Wagner: MA — Science, Photography, Key Club
Ms. Vicki Weber: AB — English, Thespian Troupe 2243, Drama Club, Stage Crew
Ms. Elly Zanin: MS — Physical Education, Girls' Basketball, Track Coach



An avid fan of the Polar Bears, Mr. Ivan Wilson, driver, accompanies the team and fans on one of many school trips.

Putting things in order for lunch and the oncoming students are cooks, Mrs. Betty Skarzinski, head, and Mrs. Pat Helmick.



Working around the clock



With the assistance of a dust mop, Mrs. Josephine Findo cleans the corridors after the rush of students has ended.

With trays in hand, Mrs. Mary Harsh goes about one of the daily tasks in the cafeteria.



This cook cheers too as Mrs. Sarah Coon dons a Polar Bear toboggan for a football assembly.

School custodians — Mr. Woodrow Holt, Miss Connie Kuhn, Mrs. Josephine Findo, and Mr. Chuck Bingamon.

Often people never realized what went on hours before rushing to the cafeteria for lunch. Also, they never took notice of the freshly-waxed floors or clean hallways when entering the school each morning. A group of service people who worked around the clock were responsible for making these things happen.

A total of four cooks manned the beaters and ladels to dish out daily meals and also stayed around to help during banquets. The custodians were found working nights to clean the rooms, while the bus drivers lined up promptly at 2:15 p.m. in the Back Drive to usher students homeward.

Students will remember eating spaghetti on Wednesdays and buying chocolate chip cookies for 5 cents. They will someday recall the familiar faces of bus drivers who put up with the never-ending noise on trips. Though they were rarely recognized, the service people who worked late hours were instrumental in making the school run smoothly.



HOW THE WEST WAS ONE

Contagious feelings of a great year were not only felt by the student body, but also by the community. Radio station WMMN broadcasted its spirit in a radio telethon which raised \$700 for 6 buses to the state play-offs. Local businesses, including Bonanza, Monongahela Power, Poky Dot, Ron's Barber Shop, Avenue Hotel, Pizza Hut, and Auto Mall posted signs on billboards wishing the Bears good luck, while Say Boy's treated the athletes to steak dinners after games. Moreover, by the end of the football season, over 2,000 people turned Polar Bear fans and followed them to the Bridgeport game.

Experiencing bitter weather for the second year in a row, together

the town once again braved the cold winter. The third week of January brought a blizzard that left 24-inch drifts and caused the postponing of school for two weeks. Amidst the vacation, dimmer views faced the coal miners on strike, drivers on the icy roads, and citizens with popping pipes and breaking roofs.

Throughout the whole year many other dramas touched the community. From a WCLG bumper sticker craze to a new bridge that joined the East and West and a community effort to raise money for Kim Baker, a cancer stricken East student, every individual in the West became involved . . . and it wasn't long before the West was one.

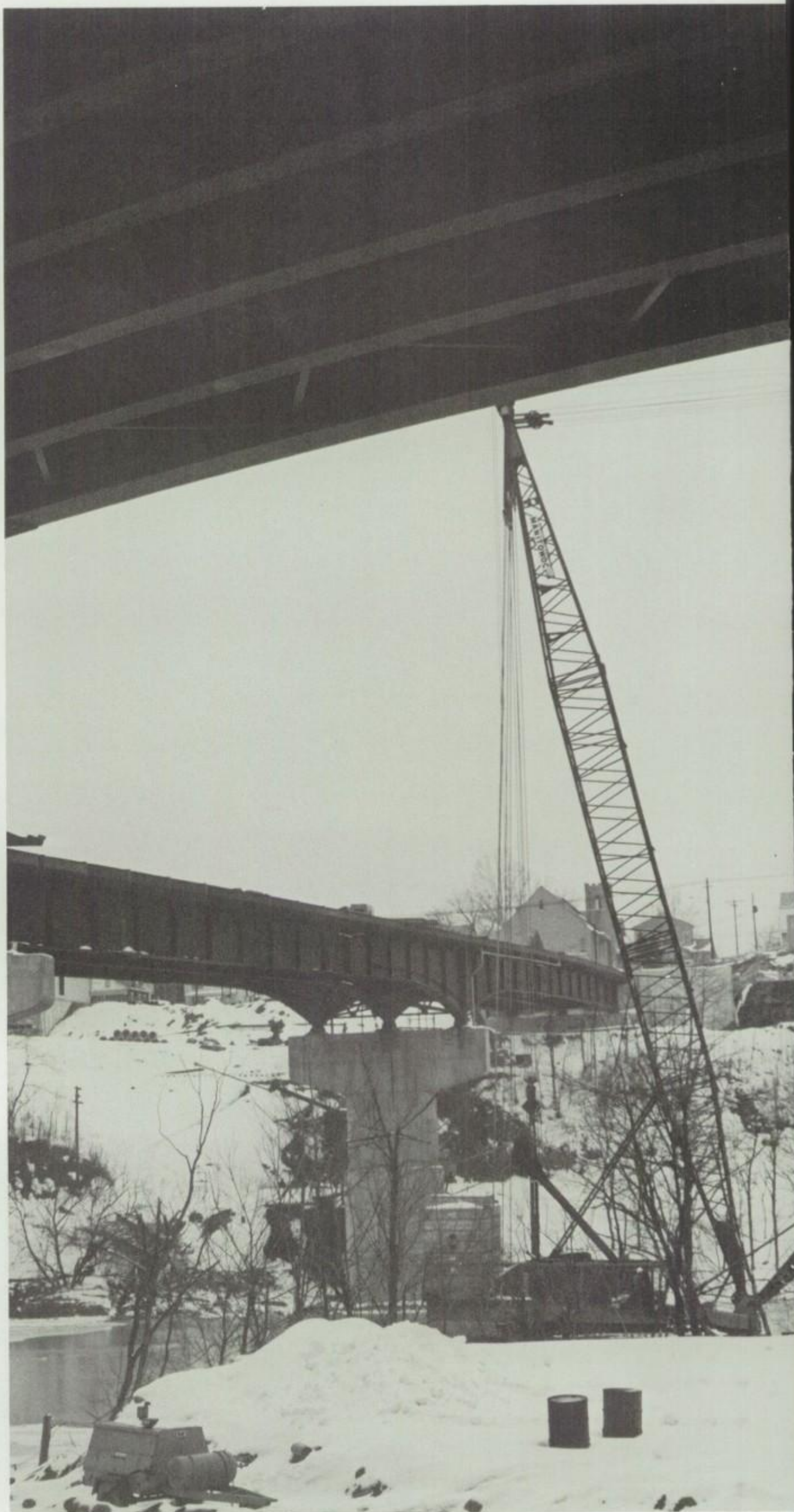
The smiling faces of candy stripers Dee Ann Prozzillo, junior, and Roslyn Daristotle, senior, greet pediatrics Nurse Harriet Saterfield as they prepare to make their rounds.

In an effort to raise money for Kim Baker, Cindy Dobreff, Donna Merrifield, and Lori Mason, Keywannes, sell baked goods to Miss Linda Huber.



One of the highest honors a boy scout can receive is the eagle scout award which was presented to Kevin Shuman.

Progress is made with the addition of a new bridge at Third Street connecting West Side to East Side.





COMMUNITY ENCOUNTERS



Polar Bears encountered the community both as students and as residents of West Fairmont. The citizens of the "Friendly City" backed the school by donating money to send fans to the state basketball and football tournaments. Hundreds of them also made phone calls during the two telethons to boost the teams.

Not only did the community support the school, but also individuals and clubs from the school participated in an all-out effort to raise funds for Kim Baker, a cancer victim from East Fairmont, by volunteering their time and money.

Students also made a name for themselves as candy strippers, 4-H members, and community award winners. Presidents of the area's three 4-H clubs, the Fairmont Fighters, Older 4-H, and Eldora 4-H, are Leigh Ann Kerns, sophomore; Mary Pat Connors, freshman; and Dianne Jackson, junior.

Football player Gibbs Davidson, prepares to go on the air at a telethon sponsored by radio station WMMN to boost the Bears before their state tournament appearance.

"It was hard work, but it paid off," said Ray Prudnick, freshman, of his summer job mowing lawns. He mowed over 20 regularly making about \$1,800.

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COMMUNITY

The South Side Bridge leads students into the downtown area. This night time shot shows the flickering bank lights.

Polar Bear emcees Jack Bernardo and Paul Starr are presented with signs by Susan Hlebinsky, student body president, at a thuse.



The harsh winter and long coal strike hit close to home since many depended on the mines for their livelihood.

The darkened streets and cutback in business hours as the supply of coal dwindled put a further damper on the area. Even the familiar McDonald's lights were dimmed until it became difficult to tell whether the fast food store was open.

Thermostats were lowered in homes and schools participated in a 30 per cent cutback in the use of fuel. The Polar Bear Buildings were closed forcing classes to move to the Main Building and double up. In March, the miners finally ratified a contract, putting an end to much discomfort.

Sticking to spirit, Mrs. Bonnie Eskew attaches one of the bumper stickers that were sold by the drafting classes during football and basketball seasons.





Snow affected young and old as Mrs. Ruth Jones and her son shovel their car out of a drift. The winter disrupted school and community activities.

To plan summer camp, the Fairmont Fighters 4-H Club members look over notes. They are Mark Bowyer, Leigh Ann Kerns, and James Kerns, officers.

RAP-UP

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A mock marriage ceremony of Roslyn Daristotle and Rick Sestito, seniors, is feigned in Family Living with Brian King as best man.

American Bandstand Day in Phase IV English gives John Wallman and Barbara Smyton, sophomores, a chance to try the dances of the fifties.



Prophesizing their future roles in ten years are Pam Cheslock, Margie Bradshaw, Jim Floyd, Becky Pileggi,

John Mentus, Beth Meredith, Ann Clark, and Lori Dodge in a senior assembly skit.

If you can't prove it, you ain't it

In rapping up the year's happenings, it would have been so handy if we could have jotted down every memory (happy or sad) that came to mind. The "Year of the Bear!" Winter '78! A journey to the tourney! "Saturday Night Fever!" And so forth. Naturally, certain memories were prominent in the back of our minds. Sports and leadership, for instance, were influential in 1978. But, each event happened so fast, and reached such a high peak—so high it wasn't forgotten.

Take football. There was speculation that this was the year, and it was.

But football was just a prelude. Cross country contin-

ued in a winning pace by claiming the state crown. Plus, clubs and academics took off in numerous directions. Student Council turned apathy into loyalty; Spanish boasted an abundance of class as well as extracurricular activities; business students commanded state offices and awards in DECA and FBLA; speaking easy were speech students who indisputably filled the office with silver and gold trophies.

Winter '78 came in like a bear and fought like one too. The holiday of Christmas used to belong only to families, but several days were devoted to sled riding and skiing owing to the cancellation of school. The weather not only affected schooling, but harshly disrupted winter sports. Not to be denied, the Polar Bears came back to melt the ice on the courts and

on the mats.

Ahhh, spring. When it was ushered in, along came another series of 'times' to recall. Spring usually has fewer upheavals than any other time of the year; however, this was not to be. It was like we had gone into 'hibernation' and woken up just to take up where we left off.

When spring sports rolled around, again, we prepared to get out our "State Bound Bears" stickers and head for the tournaments. The "Year of the Bear" had been revived as the "Power of the Paw" in

golf, tennis, track, and baseball dominated.

And it was never unusual to pick up a newspaper and see as a headline, "Polar Bears win on Diamond, Track," or "Gary McCutcheon awarded State National Merit Student," or "Betsy Talbott VOD winner."

There's an expression out West; If you can't prove it, you ain't it—but we proved it and how.



Ecstatic fans gather in a victory celebration of cutting down the net after

claiming the regional title over Jefferson County in a double overtime.



With the utmost spirit, Pam Priester, freshman, rises to cry out cheers in an assembly.



Displaying the spirit of the West, students raise a "Power of the Paw" sign at East-West Stadium.

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RAP-UP '78

So far,
so fast

Almost every school has some detail that identifies it with the public mind. The Coliseum and the Hill say West Virginia University and Fairmont State—although they don't say them very loud except when the Mountaineers and Fightin' Falcons are winning. In this same way, only more so, Loop Park is synonymous with Fairmont Senior.

Fairmont Senior is a school neatly located between two busy avenues, Locust and Fairmont. It's parking area is minimal though when you enter the campus its beauty makes it worth the hassle. Someone once stated with amazement when seeing our campus for the first time, "Wow, look at all that grass." Many of us complained of the old facilities in hope of a new building, yet, we appreciated the 11.5 acre campus when it came time to throw frisbees at lunch or sit in the sun on the Senior Court.

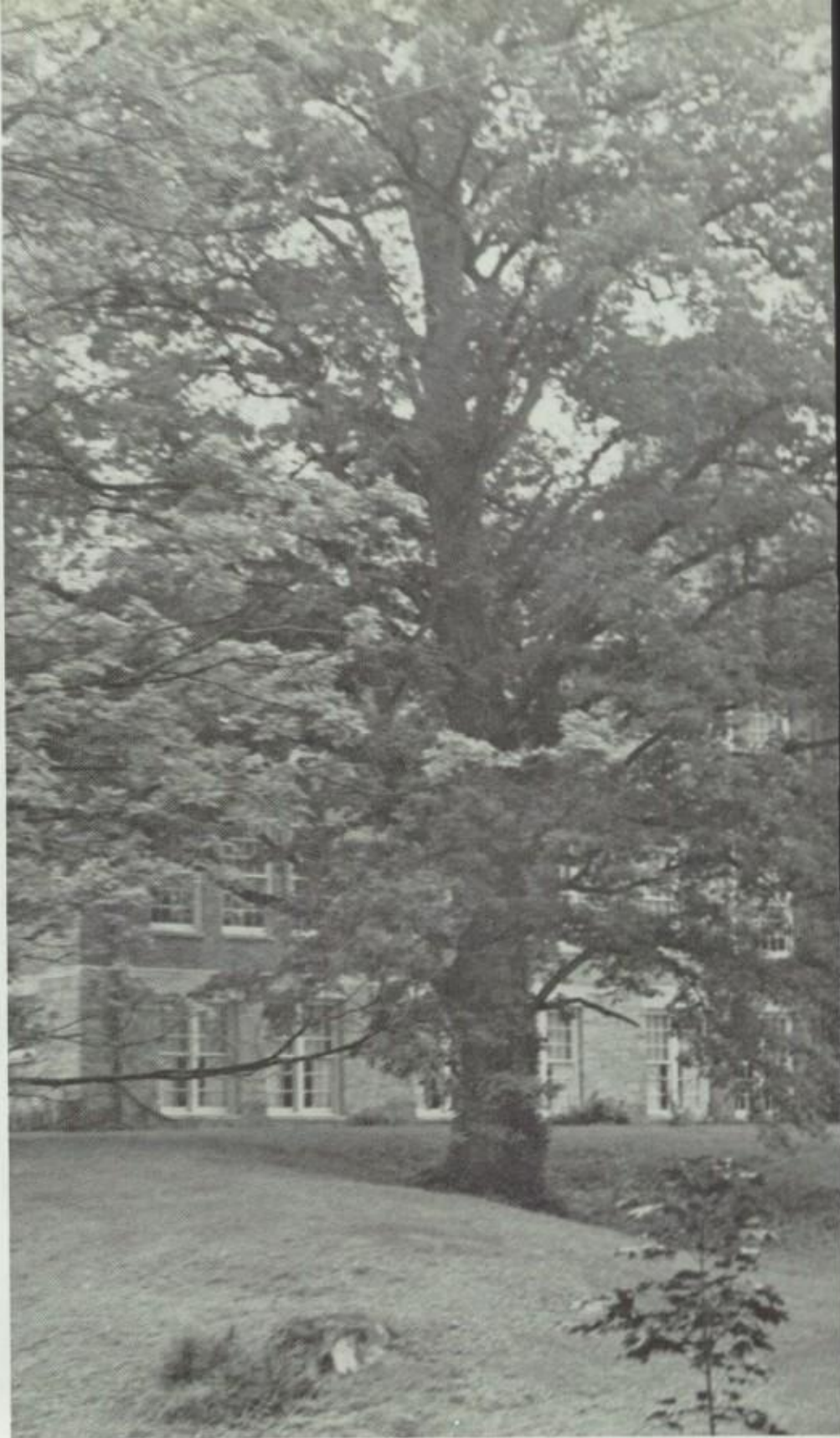
Still for each pro there was a con. So much talk centered around apathy in high schools that some schools became stereotyped. A letter by a student in *The Times-West Virginian* "Reader's Write" column talked of the bad reputation that Fairmont Senior had acquired. In retort, many students expressed their disagreement with this one opinion, stating that it had no real foundation. It only raised one person's feelings not the majority of the student body.



Singled out as winners of competition in Clerk Typing and Business Law are Karen Mercer and Charles Stevens.

In a moment of glory, 112-pound grappler Bobby Fortney is recognized for his sixth place finish in the state.

Turning back to the roaring 20's in Phase III English are Tom Nickolich and Frankie Towns, sophomores.





A front perspective of the "Home of the Bears" brings into view its 11.5 acre campus.



Destruction at a \$7,500 cost is exemplified in Mr. Darwin Brookover's Chemistry room after a fire in April.

Clutching the all-round award for door decorations during Bridgeport-West Week is Bruce Glass, sophomore.

It had been a special year for everyone—but what a year it was for the seniors. It was the season for everything to go their way in winning awards and capturing titles. It was repeatedly said it was "THE YEAR OF THE BEAR" and how true that phrase rang.

It wasn't just the closeness of the class that made things go right, but the style in which they accomplished things. Senior assembly, for example, proved successful in its routines of Ole MacDonald, Ten-Year Reunion, Crazy Chinamen Gymnasts, and the slow music and gong show skits.

As spring approached, we became so caught up in attending banquets and taking trips we were too rushed to notice the year coming to a close.

As everybody knew by then, sports made up the stories—rather the fables—of 1978. For those with soft hearts, so warming were the upset sagas that it really didn't matter if the glass slipper didn't fit. Though Beckley proved to be our nemesis, we had plenty of pride to be redeemed as heroes.

We can say it was fun while it lasted. In ten years, we will look back just like we did in the senior assembly to the times of way back when there were tears shed at Ripley, dollars raised and spent in clubs, and moments of happiness and togetherness shared by friends.

There is a fine line between champions and winners. We had that Number One smile as champions in a year that seemed to be one big fairy tale; one that went so far and happened so fast.

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We would especially like to thank those who supported us in our experiment in color advertising.

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209 Merchant Street

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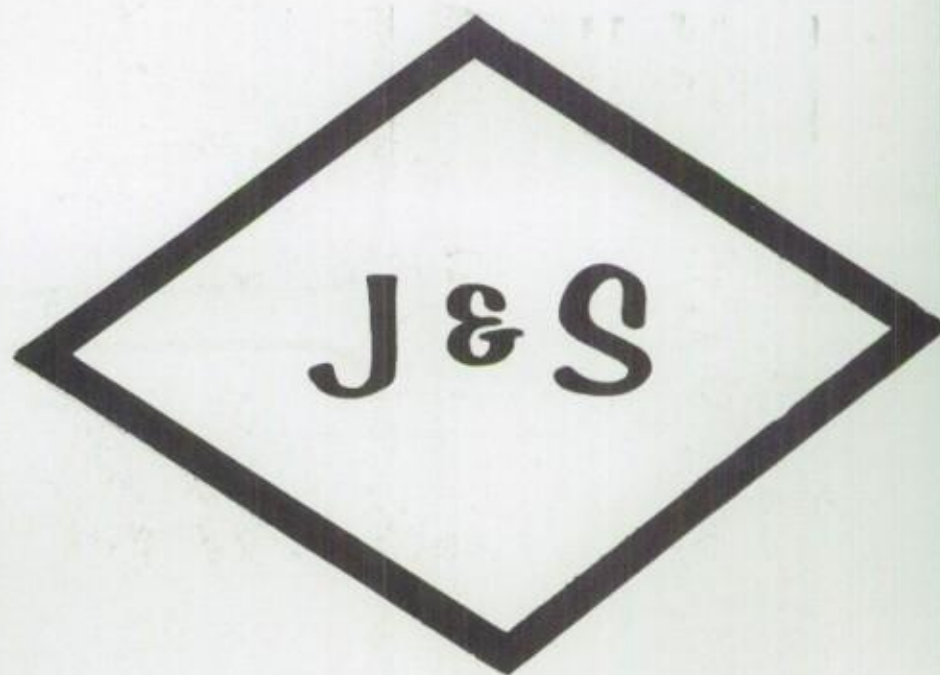
Turquoise which was popular among both the guys and girls is shown to Peggy Martin by Mrs.

Robert Jackson at the WESTERN SHOP on Hopewell Road. 366-5450



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FABRICATORS

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363-8450

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414 Gaston Avenue

363-2570

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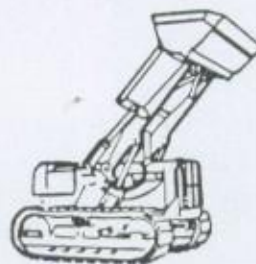
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366-4690



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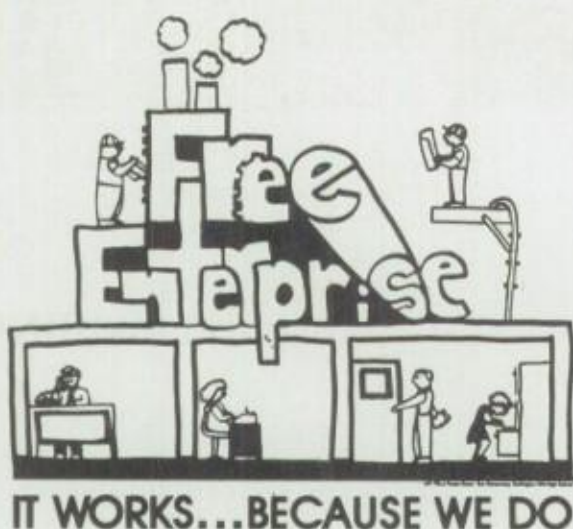


SUPER SENIORS get together on the campus—FRONT ROW: John Mentus, Mitch Vingle, Dave Hannah, Mike Burdoff, Steve Smith, Brad Waronicki, Gibbs Davidson, Becky Pileggi, Tim McAteer; SECOND ROW: Mike Wood, Anthony Carovillano, Tim Prahl, Mike Dublin, Randy Jones, Jim Floyd, Jim Fetty, Barry Wills; THIRD ROW: Eddie Sine, John

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Members of the Choraliers practice for a concert.

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363-7700

Danny Masselli drops by FMC.





Getting ready for the summer heat is Robin Beans as Mr. Dominick Pellegrin shows her the latest in air conditioning.

BRUMAGE HEATING & COOLING, INC.

201 Morgantown Avenue

363-6253

We sell the very best, because you have to live with it and we have to service it.



Before leaving T & L WHEELING PLUMBING, Gary Tonkery purchases a wrench from Mr. Gary Bradley.

T & L WHEELING PLUMBING

1003 Gaston Avenue

366-8113

AERIAL-PORT GYMNASTIC CENTER

1521 Fairmont Avenue

367-0606

One step at a time, Shari Retton develops more skill on the balance beam.



TRI-CITY WELDING

P.O. Box 1387

363-0950

Basic training in welding is demonstrated by Mr. Frank Massinople to Fred Roman.





MURIALE'S provides an Italian atmosphere as Cindy Gates and

John Guido go out for their evening meal.

MURIALE'S RESTAURANT

1742 FAIRMONT AVENUE

363-3190

MANCHINS CARPET CENTER

FARMINGTON & MIDDLETOWN

825-6511

With a variety of colors and patterns, Mr. Max Baker displays a selection of carpets to Belinda

Boord at MANCHINS in the Middletown Mall.



MARIO'S TAILORING

At MARIO's TAILORING Mark Watson is shown a tailor-made suit by Mr. Mario Libonati. The store is located at 211 Jackson Street, 366-1740.



Dee Fluker heads for home after shopping at MAY BROTHERS, P.O. Box 2100, 366-2400.





CROSBY BEVERAGE CO. INC.

1101 Indiana Ave.

363-7479



For your pets, the **ANIMAL MALL**, 1122 Fairmont Avenue,

provides all the necessities to help you take care of them.

CALDWELL & PARKS BUILDERS, INC.

P.O. Box 332, Worthington

287-2376

The building of a home is observed by Bonnie Parks, Cathy Figler, and Pam Hennen.



Hartley's

100 years in downtown Fairmont

Adams Street

366-3600

Modeling the newest spring fashions at **HARTLEY'S** are Vicki Sargent and DeJaye Bearden.



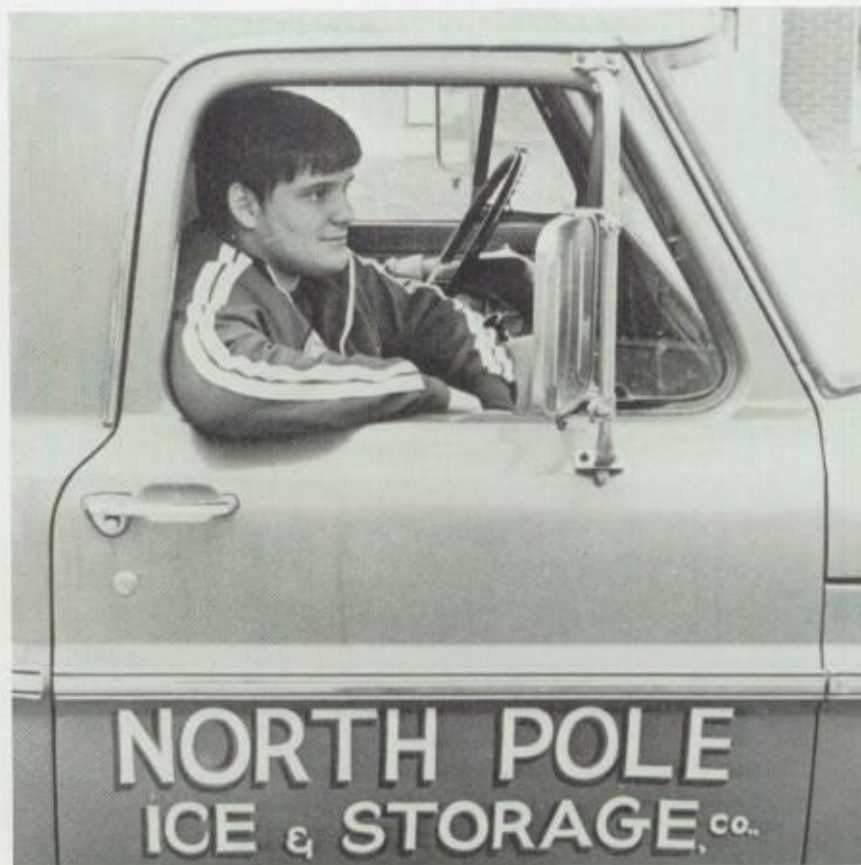


For summer enjoyment, Marianne Frazier shops at **BELL FURNITURE**.

BELL FURNITURE CO.

703 Morgantown Avenue

363-4200



The family business provides Richard Viglianco with work in his spare time.

NORTH POLE ICE & STORAGE, CO.

614 Gaston Avenue

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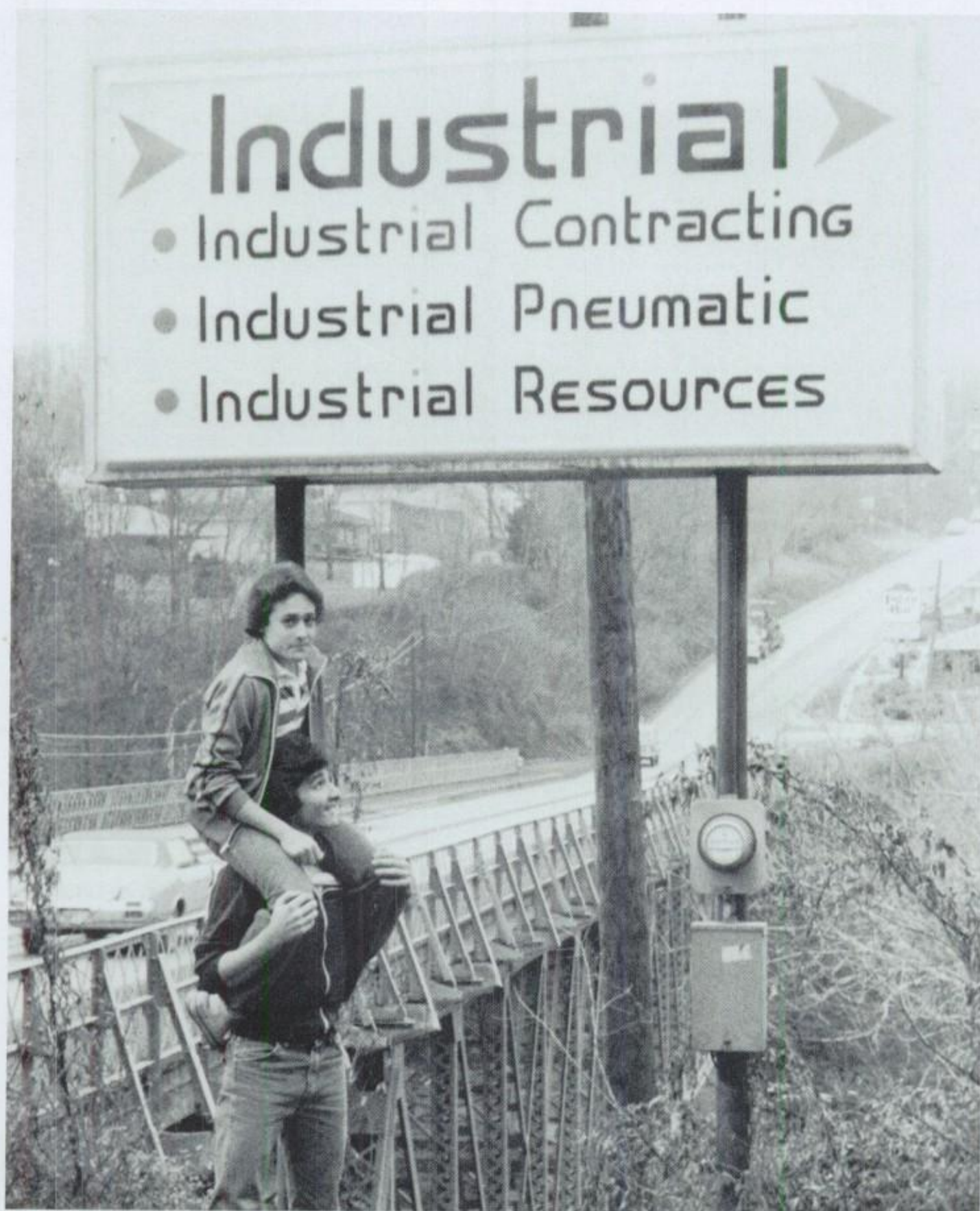
Serving Homes, Industries, and Institutions in West Virginia
317 Cleveland Avenue

363-6300

Anxious to conserve energy, Gina McDowell and Robin Drummond

receive tips from Mrs. Lila Mercer.





INDUSTRIAL PARK'S billboard located near Watson Bridge attracts the attention of John Wallman and Ray Prudnick.

INDUSTRIAL
CONTRACTING
OF FAIRMONT

AND

INDUSTRIAL
PNEUMATIC
SYSTEMS

BARRY ADDITION
363-4100



An arabesque is performed by Carol Woodward with the help of Mrs. Monica Folio of **MONICA'S**

DANCE STUDIO on Fairmont Avenue.



Receiving a brochure from Mr. Richard Pizatella is Anne Marie Fanto. **PIZATELLA REAL ESTATE** is

located in the Deveny Building. 363-1170

WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC CORPORATION

A tour of **WESTINGHOUSE** fascinates Lewis Schwartz, Rick Sago, David Finamore, and Lenny Marra.



Hoult Road



SEALTEST & BREYERS

Whitehall 363-5900

Breyers and Sealtest Ice Cream is unloaded from the company truck by Ronnie Board.



KETTERING BAKING COMPANY

1823 Morgantown Avenue

366-3210



Impressed with the speed of the bread-packing process, John Prendergast and Jim Wolfe observe the final steps.

Jones Inc.

Middletown Mall

363-1000



While shopping, Phoenicia Butler stops in JONES to try on a leather coat.

In need of a plumber, Alan Parks goes to EARL HAWKINS PLUMBING on 1018 Fourth Street. 363-3800



As she withdraws money from her account, Connie Lambert speaks with Mr. George Var-

konda, president of SECURITY BANK at 211 Adams Street, 363-6700.





COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST, N.A.

WHERE PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

COMMUNITY BANK PLAZA

363-5800



To cut down on spending, Monica Dublin and Jenny Williams decide to open a savings account with Miss Mary Beth Amos, new accounts director.



Getting a lift at DALE HUEY'S AMERICAN MOTORS, 1012 Fairmont Avenue, is Debbie Gump and Donna McDaniels. 366-2300



Visiting S.M. KISNER & SONS at 1114 Speedway are Lenny Marra and Lewis Schwartz. 366-4131

WALTERS CONSTRUCTION

Coleman Avenue

363-3876

Construction of a house captures the attention of Rose Dabate, Ed Skarzinski, and Karen Mercer.



LOWE'S

P.O. Box 933

366-9000

Employees of LOWE'S, Bill Taylor and Denny Williams load lumber for a customer.



A shine is what Danny Potesta requests as he leaves a pair of boots to Mr. Tony Daniele at

COLLEGE SHOE SHOP, on Locust Avenue.



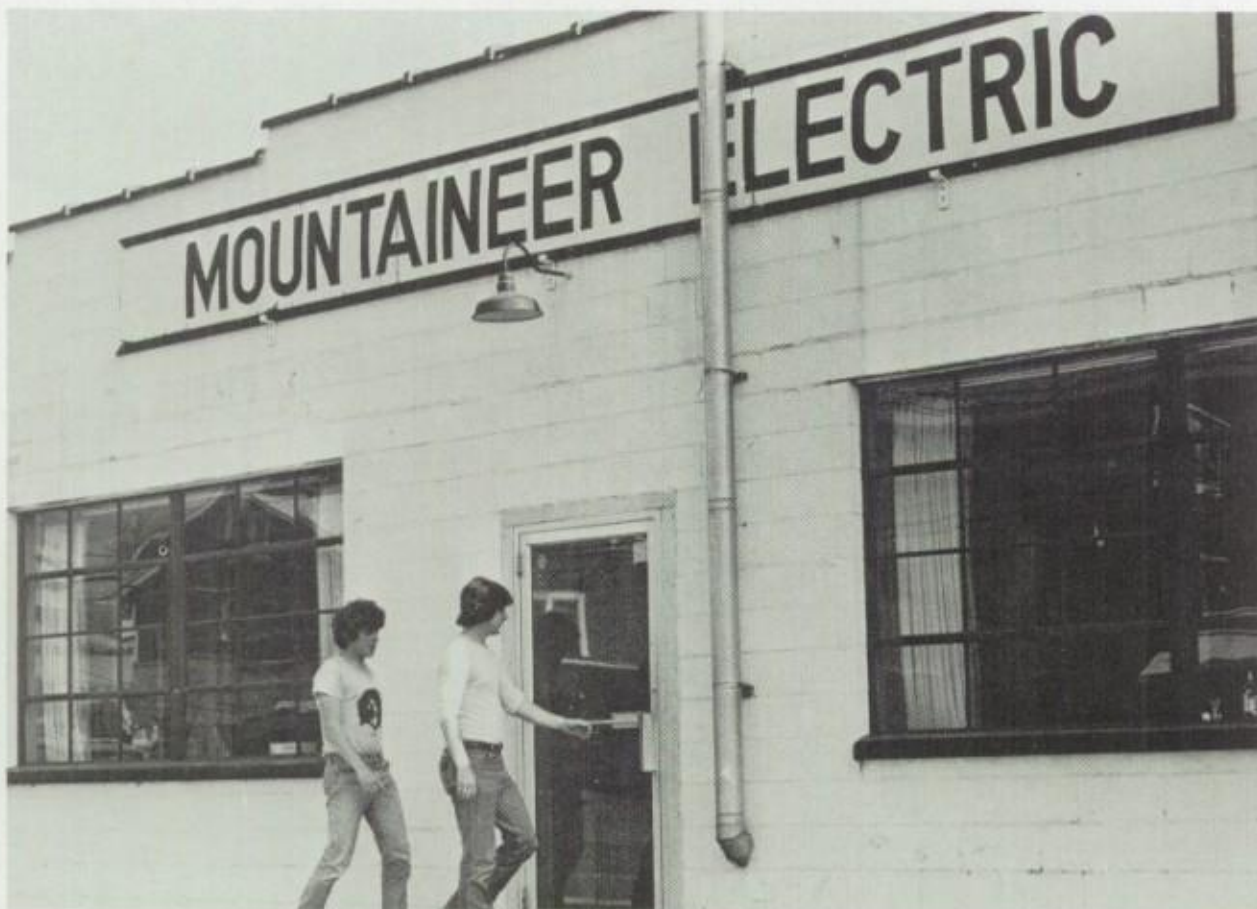
After all his questions are answered, Derek Post chats with Mr. Carl Erdie at GENERAL EX-

TERMINATING on 812 Euclid Street. 363-6977



MOUNTAINEER ELECTRIC, INC.

AC Motors and DC Motors—Rewinding, Repairing, and Rebuilding



On their way home, Greg Gross and Todd Wise drop by to look at electrical equipment.

Rt. 19 Westchester

363-0230

ALCAN ALUMINUM

P.O. Box 912

366-3000

Interested in metal making and recycling, Bart McClain enters the main office to gather information on the procedure.



A variety of kitchen cabinets at TOWN & COUNTRY KITCHENS are examined by Kari Carlson at 1836 Locust Avenue, 366-1423.



To insure her car, Patty Poshadel checks with Mrs. Anne Holbert of HOLBERT-WATSON AGENCY, at 122 Adams Street, 366-0870.





FAIRMONT SUPPLY CO.

Ext. 10th Street

366-4300

How a mining drill works is explained by Mr. Robert Hull to Buddy Anderson and Paul Hayhurst.

SMITH & CARPENTER AGENCY

428 Fairmont Avenue

363-9200

Planning for the future, Tina Alvaro discusses insurance rates with Mr. Jim Wright.

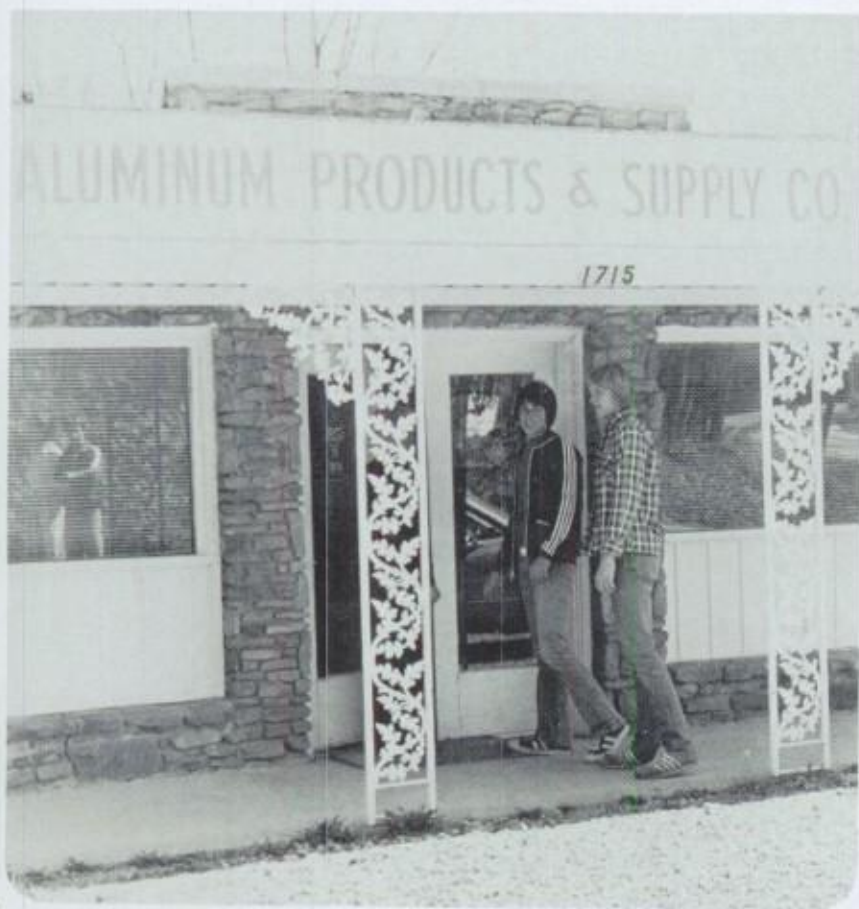


ALUMINUM PRODUCTS & SUPPLY

P.O. Box 406

363-1500

Shopping are Steve Clagett and Brad Freeland.



A cut and style is given to Leisha Heathcote by Mr. Alan Henderson at HEADLINES on 1313 Locust Avenue, 363-9379.



EAST SIDE FLORIST owner Mrs. Dot Ricer fills Donna Herdman's order for flowers at 501 Morgantown Avenue, 363-7390.



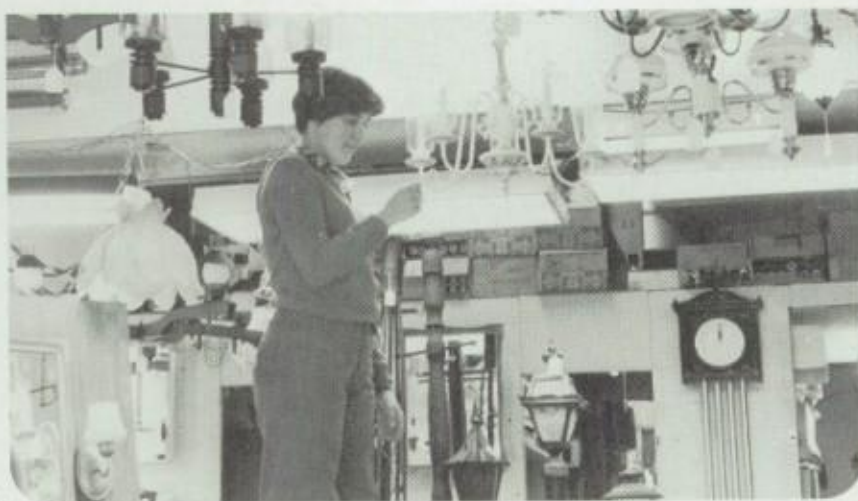


Fashion frames are shown to Lee Ann Satterfield by Dr. Charles Rawling at **RAWLINGS OPTICIANRY** in The Fairmont Hotel, 363-0260.



After a stop at **BOND INSURANCE**, on the corner of Second and Gaston Avenue, Kim Postlethwait and Vanessa Plivelich relax on the lawn.

Lighting fixtures in various styles are found by Kim Davidson at **V + W ELECTRIC** at 107 Jackson Street, 366-4326.



For quick and dependable deliveries, Tim Haley and Chris Harding check into **W.S. THOMAS TRANSFER, INC.**, 1854 Morgantown Avenue, 363-8050.

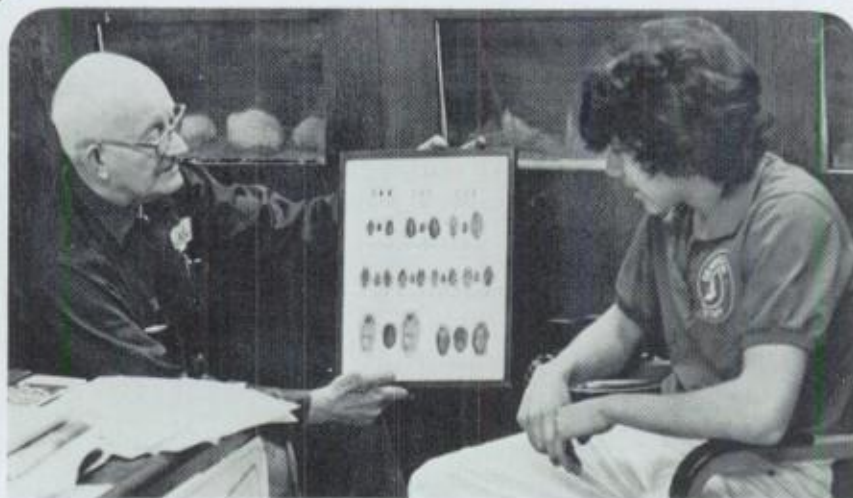
IT'S A WOMAN'S WORLD

Nothing but admiration is what Cathy Lewis expresses as she views one of her aunt's latest creations.





The aroma of the pastries tempt Jonna Campbell as she picks up her cake from Mrs. Nancy Weaver at **SELECT BAKERY** at 217 Monroe Street, 366-4911.



Helpful hints about insect control are explained to Billy Oliver by Mr. Romeo Erdie, owner of

ACE EXTERMINATORS at 410 Ogden Avenue, 363-7870.

For the most modern kitchen cabinets Julie Pasko shops at

FAIRMONT KITCHENS, 1917 Locust Avenue Extension, 363-2255.



Bargain hunting at **AVENUE KEY MARKET** at 1220 Morgantown Avenue is Kathy Henderson. 366-0720.

Listening to advice on being a business woman are Joni and Cathy Lewis. Their aunt, Carol McWilliams, recently added more office space in her home.





To help "pave the way," Randy Stickley mixes cement for his grandfather.

C.W. STICKLEY, INC.

Grading and Paving Contractors

P.O. Box 946

363-0830

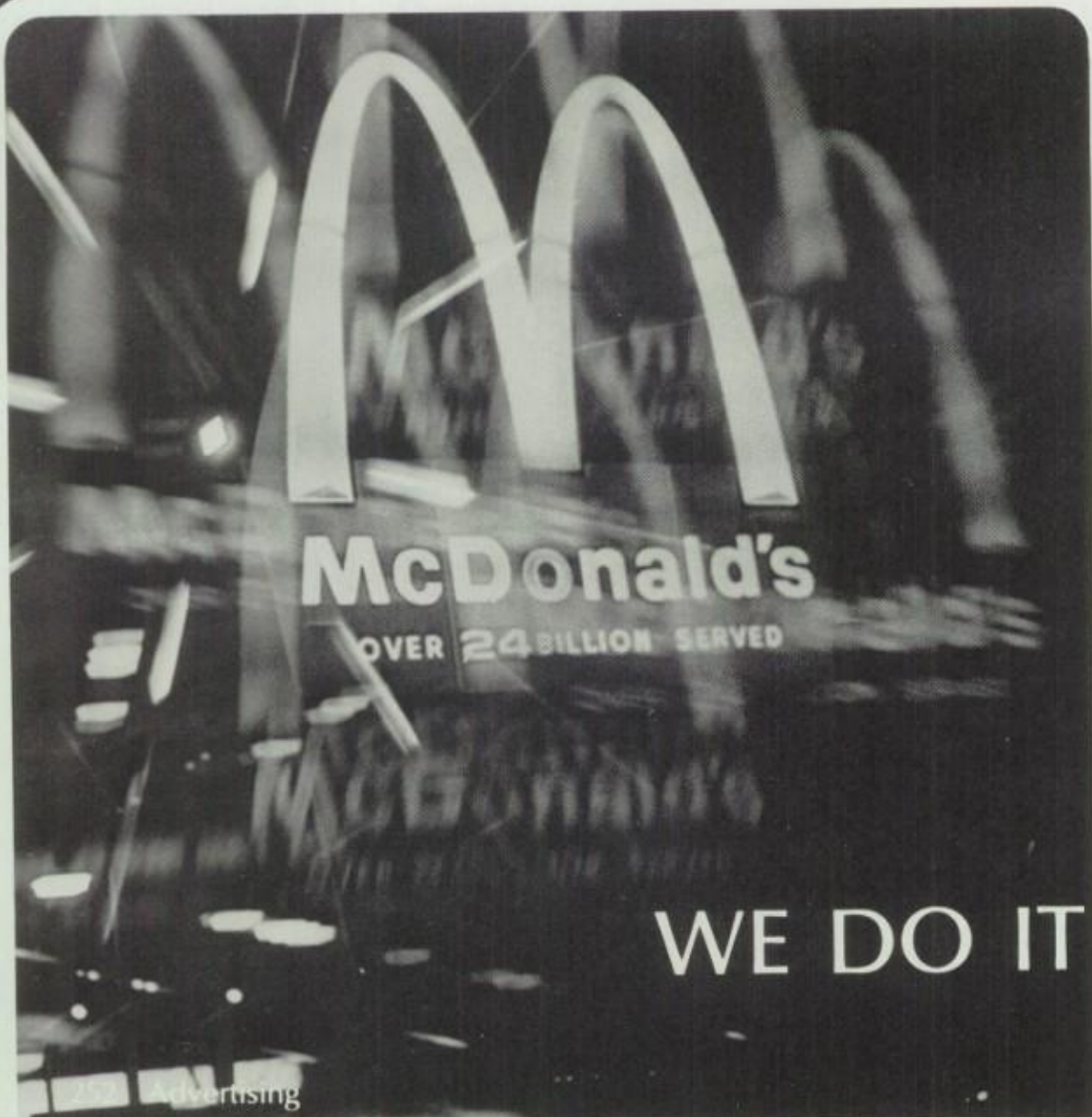


Sure of reliable settlements, Donna Merrifield discusses HOOD AGENCY's policy with

Mr. Doug Nuzum. Located at P.O. Box 1506, 366-4050.

All in a day's work, Mr. Fred Underwood and Steve Cianfrocca

move lumber at BAUER HOME CENTER, P.O. Box 1469, 363-6100.



With special effect photography, Jeff Straight gives a new look to MCDONALDS, the favorite hang-out among students.

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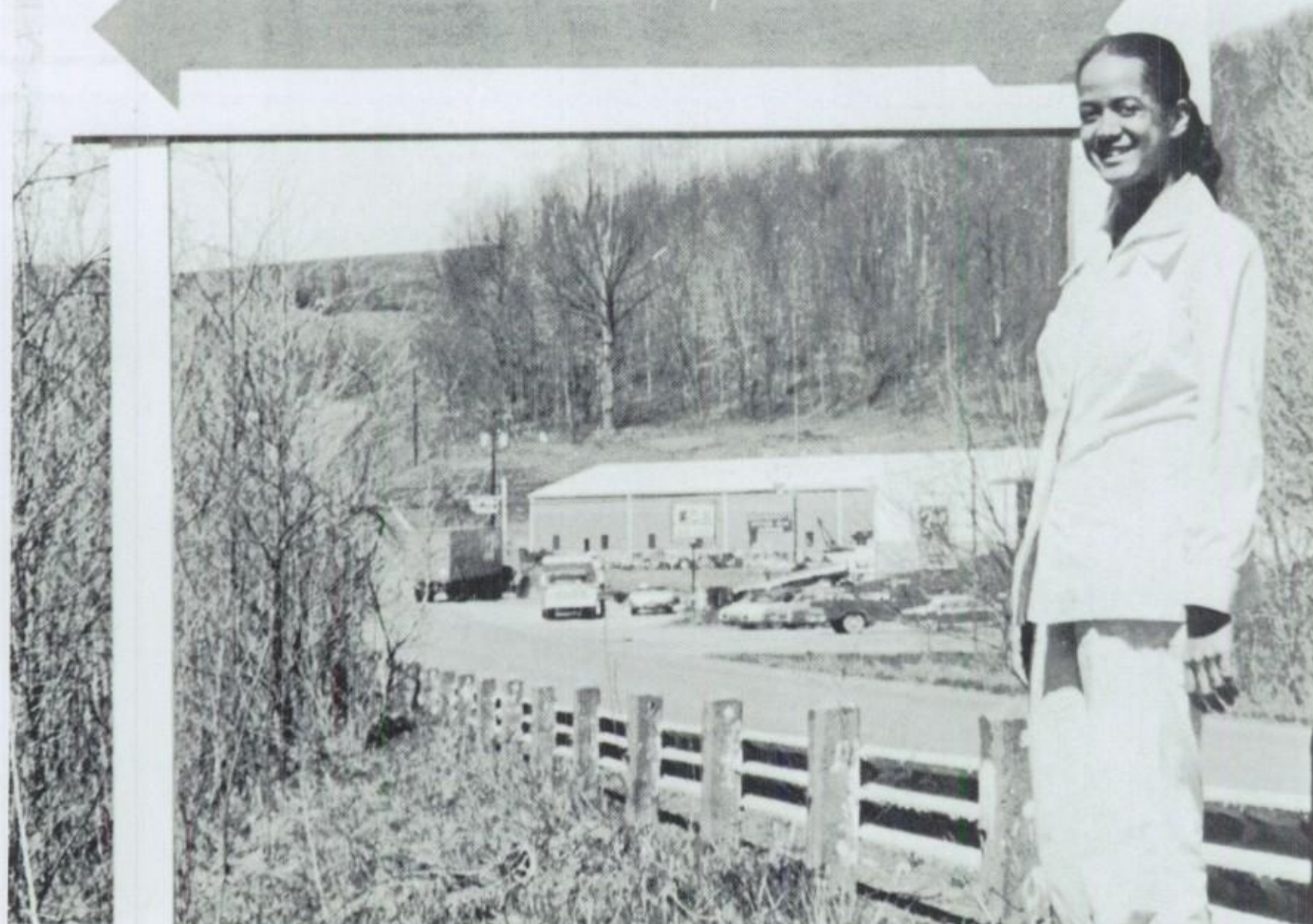
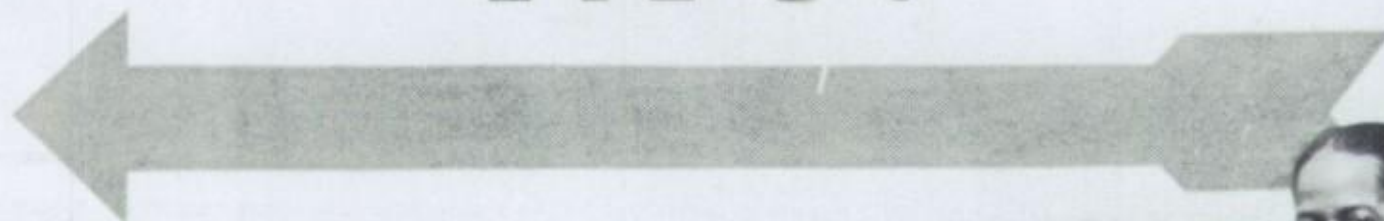
SCHULTZ MACHINE COMPANY

Route 73 North

363-4964

Pausing to read the SCHULTZ
MACHINE COMPANY signboard
is Anita Halfkenny.

SCHULTZ MACHINE COMPANY INC.



Taking the paper off the press is just one of Jeff Lepera's jobs at LE-PERA PRINTING, 422 Adams Street, 366-1032.



THORNES, located on 307 Tenth Street, not only supplies hardware but also lawn fertilizer for Bill Piscitelli.



VESSECCHIA WHOLESALE PRODUCE

1123 Minor Avenue 366-1760

Wholesale produce is shown to Wes Martin by Mr. Joe Vessecchia, Sr., and Mr. Joe Vessecchia, Jr.



J.H. SNIDER FURNITURE

707 Church Street

366-4030

Nice furniture interests Diana Gower and Bernard Smith.



A change in hair style given by Betty Finamore, owner of JO LEE's, provides Susan Mason with a new look. It is located at 801 Morgantown Avenue, 366-8959.



Excited to learn the newest steps is Denise Vincent, instructed by Mrs. Ona Erdie of ONA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE on 410 Ogden Avenue, 363-5350.



A flat tire brought by John Layman to **GWYNNE TIRE SERVICE** on 420 Virginia Avenue is fixed by Mr. Charlie DeVault.



Let Us Serve You

Mike Stern lends his father a hand.



Mont Levine Inc.
Structural Steel
Warehouse

P.O. Box 1828

366-2452

Frank Stern, President

After school Tommy Nickolich stops by **GENERAL ENGINEERING**, P.O. Box 1049, to observe Mr. James Stout working on the glausing machine, 363-3270.



Reasonable prices are what Theresa Feltz and Diane Fetty look for in a car at **MARION MOTORS** located at 510 Fairmont Avenue, 366-4410.



In need of school supplies, Renee Allevato stops in at **ADAMS OFFICE SUPPLY** on Adams Street, 366-0650.



Susan Oliveto and Christine Fotiou look at sinks displayed by Mr. Harry Fotiou.



HARRY'S LAMINATED PRODUCTS

CUSTOM SINK TOPS, VANITIES AND
KITCHENS

1912 Locust Avenue

363-3151



To make sure she has plenty of milk, Mrs. Mary Jo Roman, guidance counselor, has hers delivered by **BUNNER'S DAIRY** of Bridgeport. Call 534-3612 to place your order.



Peeping through the sun roof of a new Fiesta at **WILSON FORD** is Mary Pat Wilson. To try one out, go to Fairmont Avenue Extension or call 363-0500.



To make his tunes sound the best, Jay Lemley buys stereo equipment from Mr. Haney at **SPRINGER'S**, 117 Fairmont Avenue, 366-4100.



Looking at the latest in lighting at **MOSEBACH**, 1100 Locust Avenue, is Kim Retton. 366-4060.

Parsons Souders



PARSONS SOUDERS attracts many shoppers from the high school. Joyce Martin is waited on by Terry Opas at the cosmetics

counter. The department store is located at the Middletown Mall, 366-7122.

PENN AUTO SALES

Bellview

366-2720

1978 IMPORT CAR OF THE YEAR

Too many choices for Sharon la-quinta at **PENN AUTO** where there is the just right car for everyone.



To get the best in musical equipment, James Morgan examines an organ at **KLINGENSMITH MUSIC** on Fairmont Avenue, assisted by Mr. Richard Gump, 363-1600.



To make her work a little easier, Samra Wilson takes her clothes to **SAURO'S DRY CLEANING** on 600 Fairmont Avenue where Jamie Constable waits on her, 363-7660.



With the help of Rick Perry, owner of **RICK'S CAR WASH** on Pennsylvania Avenue, Larry Bo-

nasso keeps his car clean through the long winter months.

BIAFORE'S LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING

1603 Otlahurst Drive

363-7138

Getting ready to go out on a job is Doug Biafore, '77, who works for his uncle at **BIAFORE'S LANDSCAPING**.



For the best care of her coat, Toni Burnett takes it to Mr. John Paul Jones at **JONES FUR SER-**

VICE, located at 521 Gaston Avenue, 363-4992.





For that last minute gift, Mrs. Betty Bea Cox is waited on by Lori Mason at **MASON'S PHARMACY**.

MASON PHARMACY

1314 Locust Avenue
300 Merchant Street

366-4700
363-1730



It's never too early to open a savings account at **FIRST NATIONAL BANK**, 301 Adams Street, 363-

1300, where Mr. Robert Hawkins, speech teacher, makes a deposit.

For all your remodeling needs, shop **BROWN'S LUMBER**, where Mike Rowe will be glad to load

your purchase for you. Indiana Avenue, 366-2250.



GASTON BODY SHOP

PAINT & BODY SPECIALIST

201 Meadowlane Avenue

366-2461



No matter how badly a car has been damaged, **GASTON BODY SHOP** can fix it. Mike Dublin gets

an estimate on his Pinto from Mr. Tom Hlebinsky.

- * Auto Body & Fender Repair
- * Expert Painting—Color Matching
- * Corvette Specialists
- * Auto Upholstering and Convertible Tops



A new Camaro from **ANTHONY CHEVROLET**, is just what the doctor ordered to make Debbie Crites and Pam Davis happy.

ANTHONY CHEVROLET

Country Club Road

366-3500

CITY NATIONAL BANK

120 Fairmont Avenue

363-5500

Discovering a convenient drive-up window at **CITY NATIONAL BANK** is Joey Nagy.

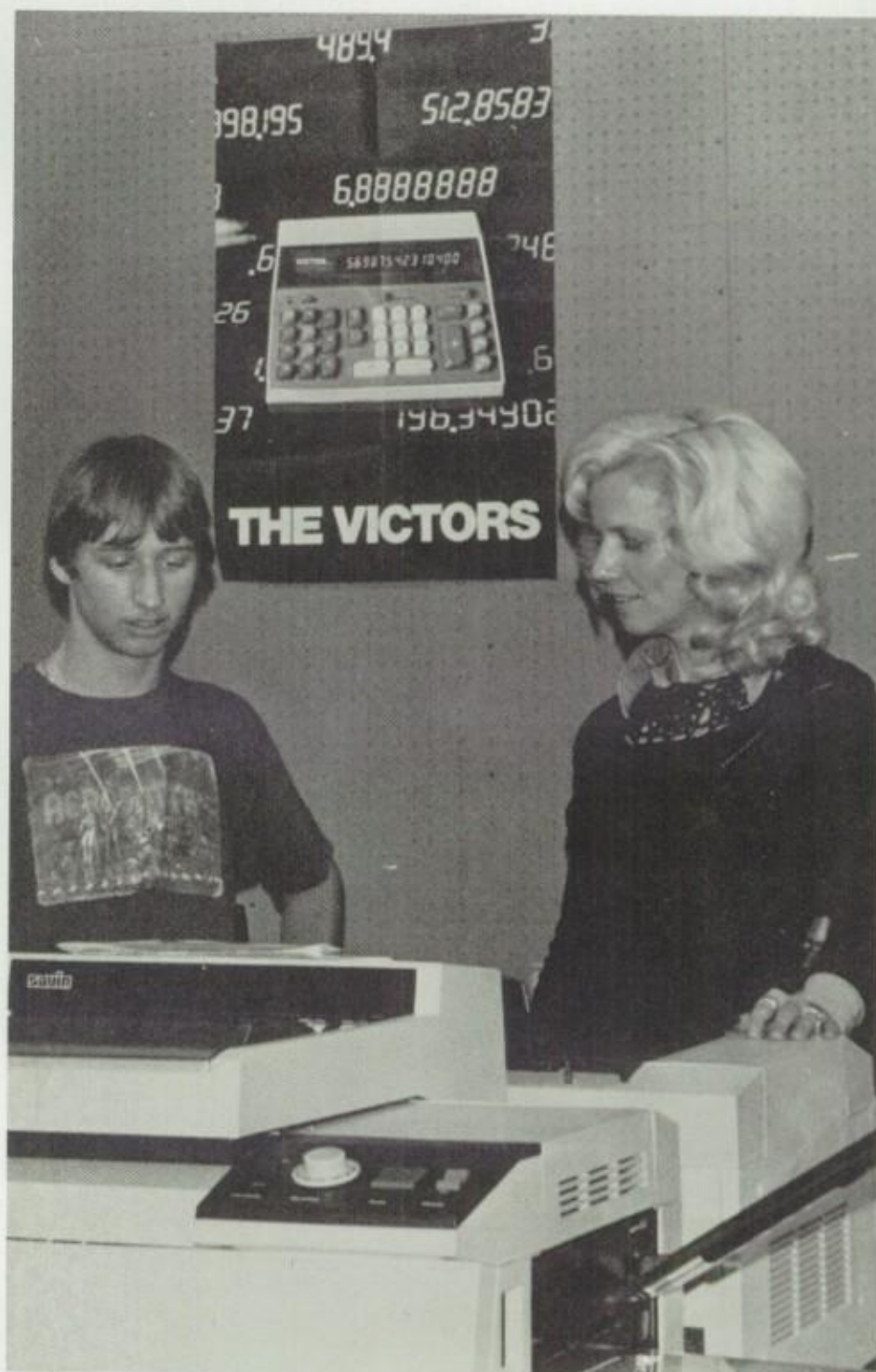


DODSON & McCUTCHEON

Office Systems

Morgantown Avenue

363-2715



To get help with his classwork, Kevin Clarke learns how to use a new copier at **DODSON &**

McCUTCHEON. Ms. Carrie Morgan, an employee, assists him.

Cash Registers, Calculators, Typewriters

Business Backers

Joe P. Cinalli
507 Market Street
363-4499

Helzer Automotive
1206 Pleasant
Valley Road
363-6669

Lafayette Radio
Electronics
510 Locust Avenue
366-0545

W.A. McLane Con-
struction
1102 Locust Avenue
363-0458



Crushed or cubed? Eddie Strawdman tries out a new refrigerator at **SPADAFORE APPLIANCE CENTER** located at 92 Fairmont Avenue. 366-0440



Helping her mother choose furniture is Roxanne Gardi, with the assistance of a clerk at **STANDARD FURNITURE**. 321 Jackson Street, 363-8200



For every formal occasion the **COLONY SHOP** on Locust Avenue has the appropriate outfit. Robin Spitznogle models one of its fashions, 366-1511.

Fairmont Wall Plaster

201 Fairmont Avenue & 111 Tenth St.

366-2000

Perfect paint for any job can be purchased at **FAIRMONT WALL-PLASTER**. Dennis Vangilder buys

some from Mr. Eugene Manley for his dad.



Hauge's Flower Store & Garden Center

Fairmont Avenue at 5th Street

366-3410

Looking at some of the unique gifts available at **HAUGE'S** are

Sharon Glazer and Kim Moats.



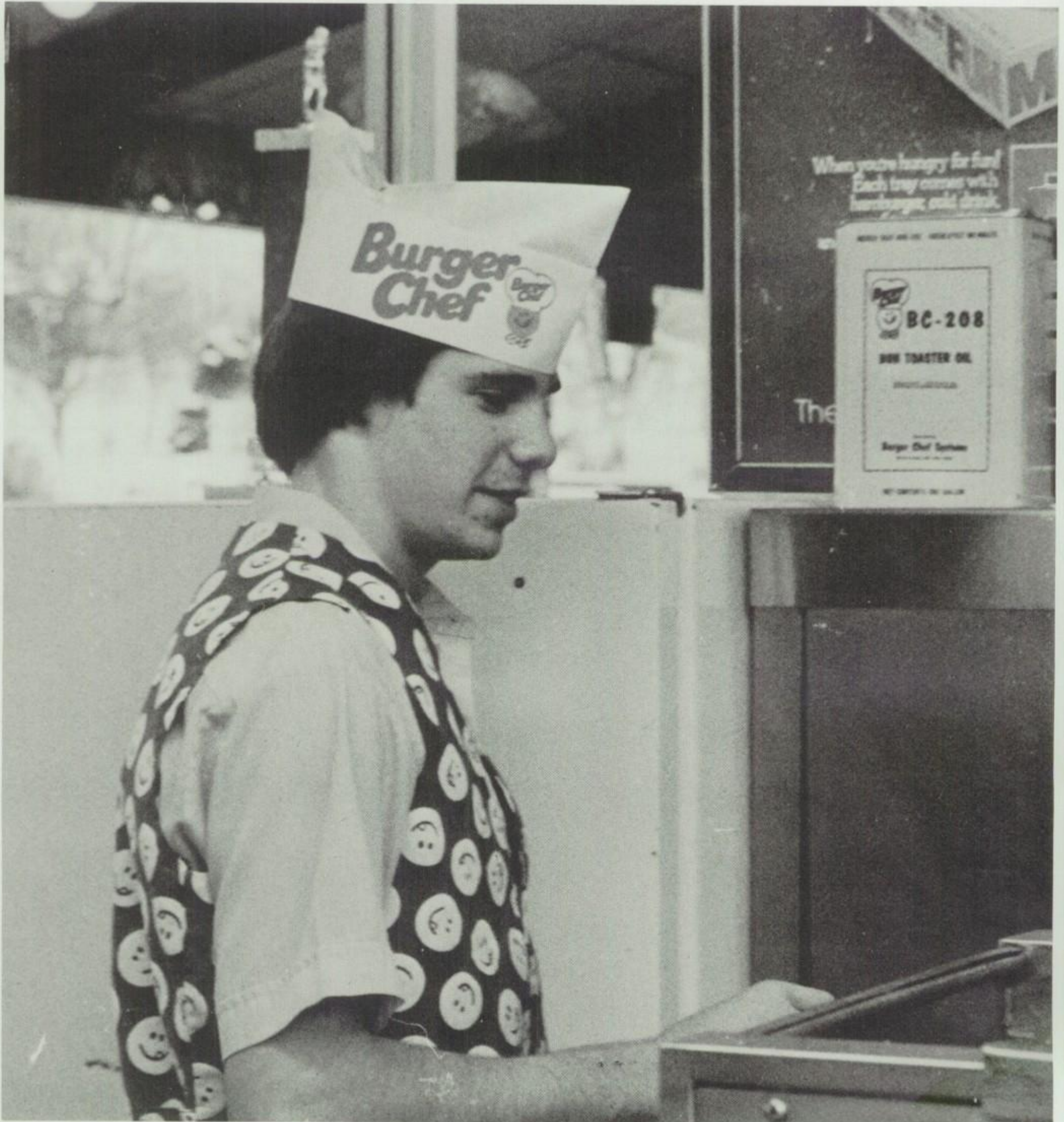
There's More To Like At

BURGER CHEF

Locust Avenue Extension

366-1320

Getting ready for the rush hour is Brian King, as he prepares the most delicious burgers in town.



BELMONT MOTOR INN

Bellview Boulevard

363-5300

Couples like Margie Smith and Gibbs Davidson enjoy dining at CAESAR'S SUPPER CLUB.



MICHAEL MOTORS

808 Fairmont Avenue

363-9300

Need some wheels! Bill Snyder checks out **MICHAEL MOTORS** line of Dodge and Chryslers.



HENRY AND HARDESTY, INC.

517 Fairmont Avenue

366-7000

See Gary Myers, Skip Tarasuk
Ron Brumage, and John Joy



Listening to another story about how a wreck happened, is Ann Frank who works part-time at **HENRY & HARDESTY, INC.**



Window shopping is fun at H.A. DODGE where Robert Pileggi and Mary Ann Stingo find a wide selection of fine jewelry.

Middletown Mall

367-0707



For a reliable television, Pam Cheslock shops at FAIRMONT T.V.

FAIRMONT T.V.

Westchester

363-1340

ALLSON JEWELERS

Diamonds are Sharon Hinton's and Monica Dublin's best friend, especially when bought at ALLSON JEWELERS at 216 Adams St. 366-4848.



Expert styling is what makes Suzanne Bailey go to Brad Reed at HAIRPORT, 309 Tenth St., when she wants her hair done. 366-1700

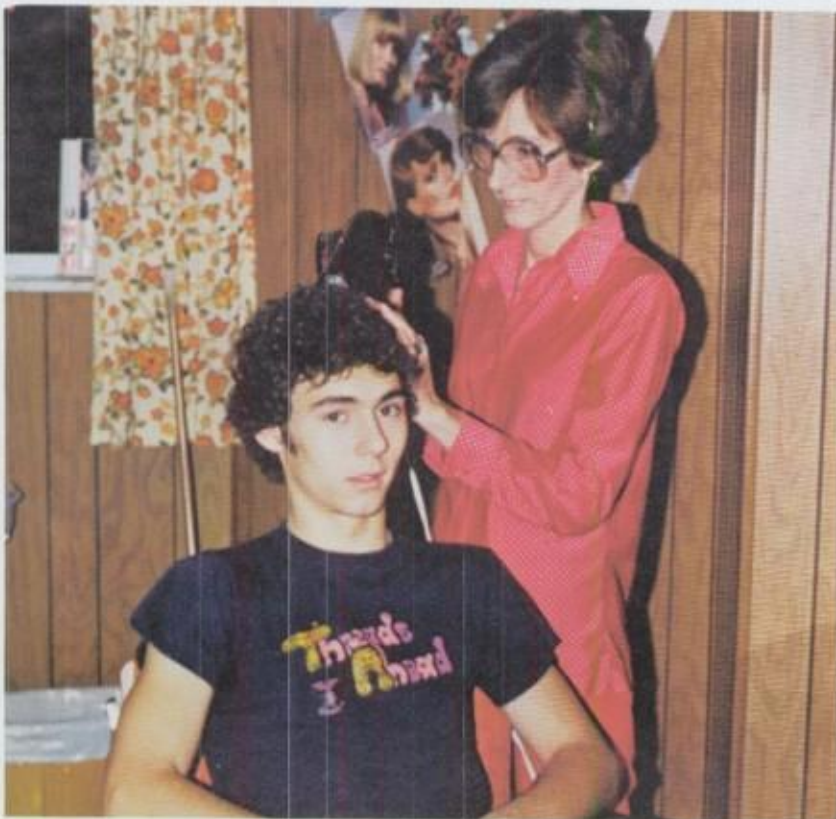


HALL & PIGOTT MANUFACTURING

1777 Morgantown Avenue

366-4730

Trying to pick up a few points on machine parts is Rick Sestito who is receiving a demonstration from Mr. Patsy Thobois, foreman.



Unable to do anything with his hair, John Mentus has it trimmed by his mother Irene Mentus at the STYLE SALON.

STYLE SALON

Locust Avenue

366-4323

TRESA DABATE DANCE STUDIO

1912 Speedway

363-0453

Swayin' to the music Hawaiian style are Marcia Marshall, Beth Meredith, and Debbie Hetrick.

They study dancing at TRESA DABATE'S.



WATSONS

Middletown Mall

366-9335

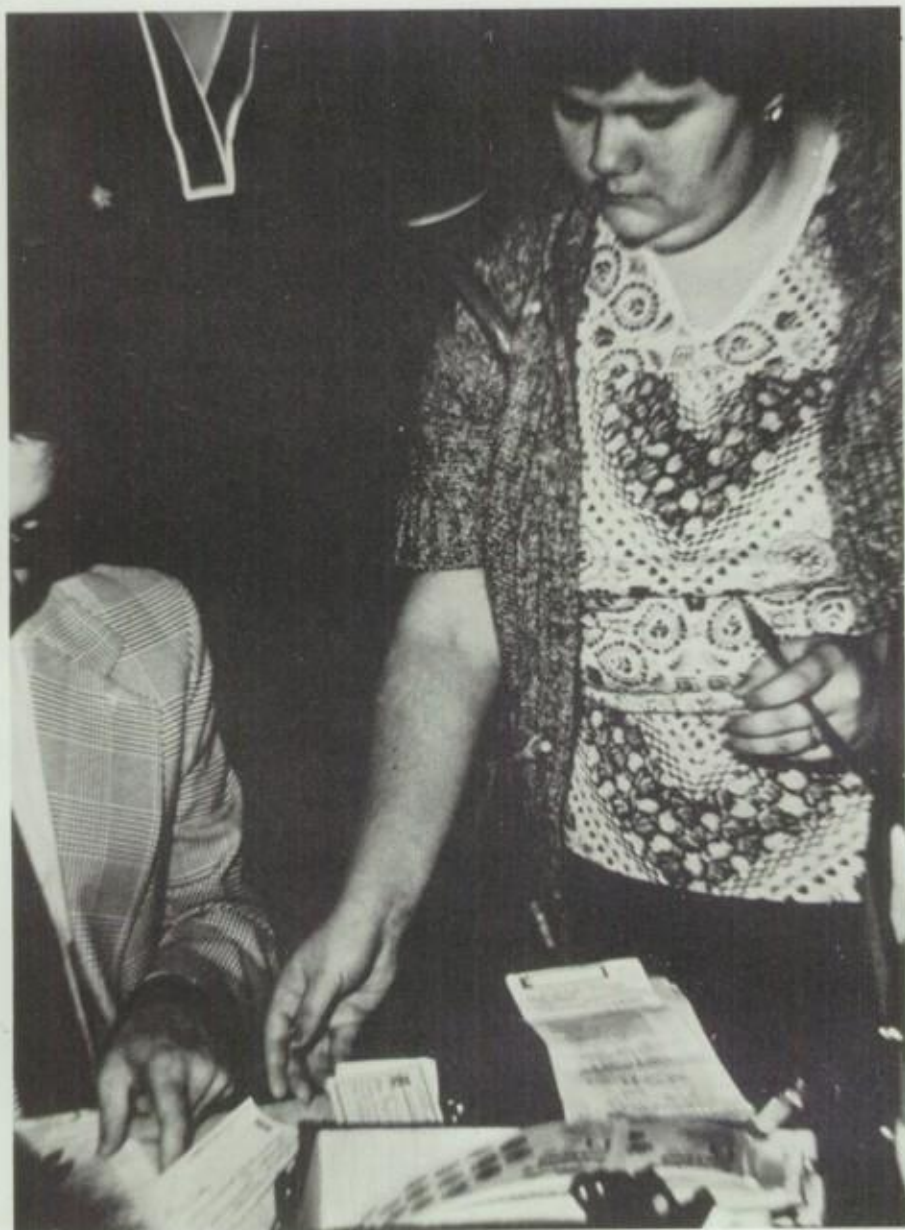
Shopping for jewelry, Dee Ann Prozzillo and Sarah Schwartz find that WATSONS has everything they need.



JOSTEN'S

118 Meadowlane Avenue

366-0124



Buying her class ring from Mr. Pete Pell of JOSTEN'S is Diana Boyce.

Creators of fine class rings, awards, announcements, diplomas, and caps & gowns



Busily saving for the future are Stan Prudnick and Cindy Williams.

MIDDLETOWN NATIONAL BANK

Middletown Mall

366-8500

Everyone needs a vacation sometime. Mr. James Cimino, French teacher, makes his trips more pleasant by having FAIRMONT TRAVEL, 409 First St., plan them. Just call 363-1232 for help.



Stocking up on fresh fruit, Diana Pellillo, shops at SPEEDWAY MARKET, 1036 Speedway for produce at reasonable prices. 363-4621



TARLETON BUICK-OLDS

216 Fairmont Avenue

366-4460

Four-wheel drive vehicles were the only ones going anywhere last winter. Amy Tarleton looks at a Scout at TARLETON BUICK.



R.C. COLA BOTTLING

Westchester

366-4481

Taking time out from sled riding to build a pyramid for R.C. COLA is Tom Barr, Bruce Mazurek, Richard Viglianco, Todd Waro-

nicki, Susan Brown, Erin Fahey, Dee Ann Prozzillo, and Jackie Fahey.



Whether for dinner or a snack Carla Cianfrocca and Kim Varner go to **SAY BOY'S STEAK HOUSE** at 905 Country Club Road. 363-9761



When spotless cleaning is necessary, Denise and Gina Guzzo, recommend **JACK & JILL CLEANERS** at 1112 Fairmont Avenue. 366-2161



SIXTH STREET PHARMACY has everything from medicine to tasty food at the soda fountain. Chris

and Tod Craft search for a card for a special occasion.

SIXTH STREET PHARMACY

601 Fairmont Avenue

366-4521



When I want my picture taken, I
run to J. RICHARD MILLER, Pro-
fessional Photographer.

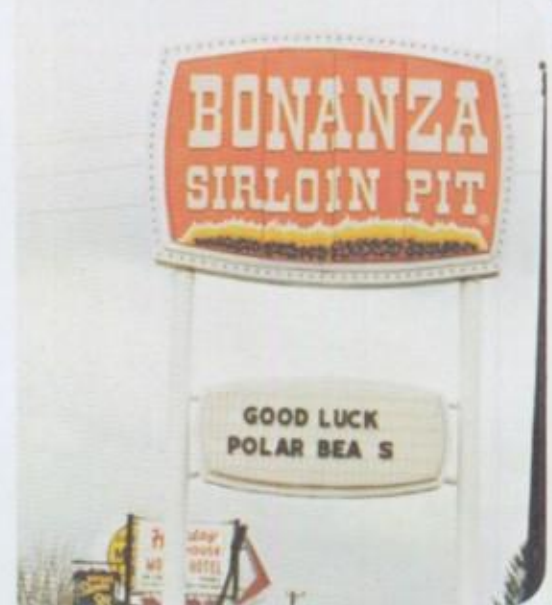
1031 Morgantown Avenue
366-4497

J. RICHARD MILLER
G. SCOTT RADER, ASSOCIATE



Several businesses in the community put the Polar Bears name in lights to wish them luck in the state tournament. They were

POKY DOT, PIZZA HUT, BONANZA, AUTO MALL and AVENUE MOTEL.



KIME FLORAL

600 Fairmont Avenue

366-9711

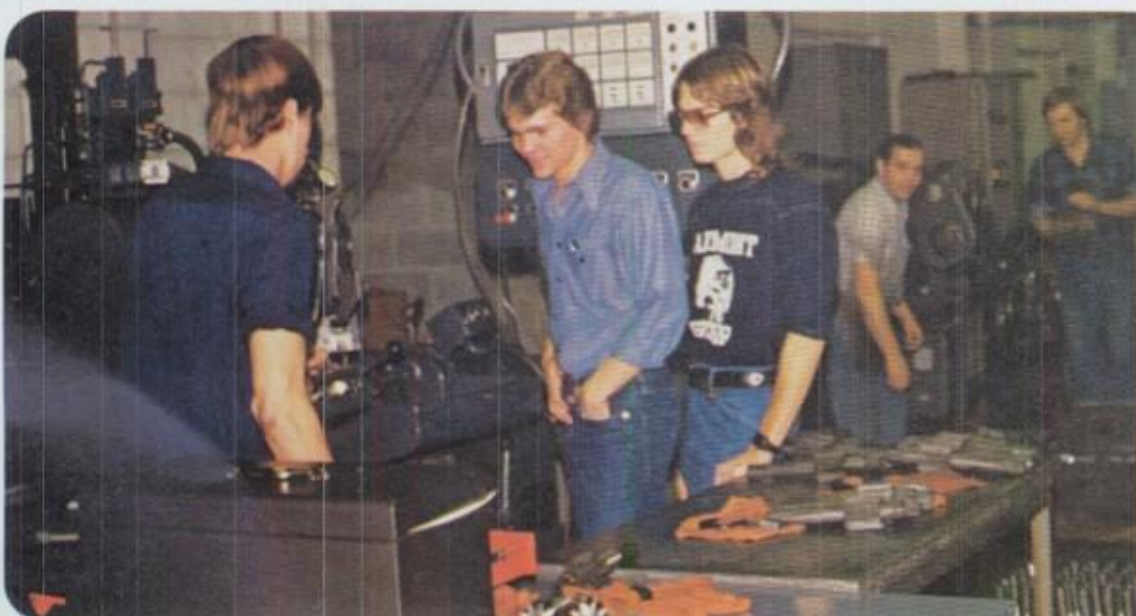
KIME FLORAL lets the football team know its No. 1 with flowers. Mr. Bill Kime presents the arrangement to Assistant Coach

Skip Delligatti, Calvin Turner, Coach Bob DeLorenzo, Randy Jones, Gibbs Davidson, Mike Burdoff, and Skeeter Delligatti.



Quenching their thirst after a meet are Jeff Barlow, Rod Hoylman, Jeff Audia, and John Case at

MARY ANN'S RESTAURANT located at 1639 Speedway. 366-7061



H and M HYDRAULICS

Demonstrating one of the fine pieces of machinery used by H&M HYDRAULICS is Mr. Bill Layman, as he explains its function to Mark Williams and Bill Boram.

1821 Speedway
366-5993



THE ATRIUM MALL

Morgantown Avenue

366-9871

The finest in ski equipment can be found in the ATRIUM MALL Sport Shop. Brian Martin shows Brad Waronicki the kinds of skis available.



For a refreshing treat, Stephanie Mossburg stops in at DAIRY QUEEN, 1022 Fairmont Avenue,

where she is waited on by Bill Hatfield.

Get a new glow at MERLE NORMAN COSMETICS, Middletown

Mall. Mindy Nickel buys her perfume here regularly. 363-1120



For the tastiest fruits in town, Carla Annan goes to FRUIT BOWL at 911 Country Club Road. 366-6600

LA COVA'S

The feathered look is tried on Bobby Yanero at LA COVA'S BARBERING AND STYLING SALON at 300 Merchant Street. 366-1350



VALLEY LANES

2017 Pleasant Valley Road

366-8877

To liven up your Saturday night, VALLEY LANES on the Pleasant Valley Road is the place to be. Alana Pender and Doug and Donna Steele try to figure out who's the best bowler.



WFGM

Learning the ways of radio broadcasting is Lisa Hayhurst, being assisted by Mr. Numa Fabre of WFGM RADIO located at 1101 Fairmont Avenue. 366-9880



BRAND TRAILER SALES, Rt. 250 South, 366-7104, offers the latest trends in travel trailers. Karen Mercer shows off one of these.



Do you need towed? If so, Randy Haymond will answer your call at HAYMOND'S WRECKER SER-

VICE located at 1105 Fairmont Avenue. 366-5555

Working for his father at F.K. EVEREST, Electrical Contractors is Mike Prendergast.

Westchester

363-8830

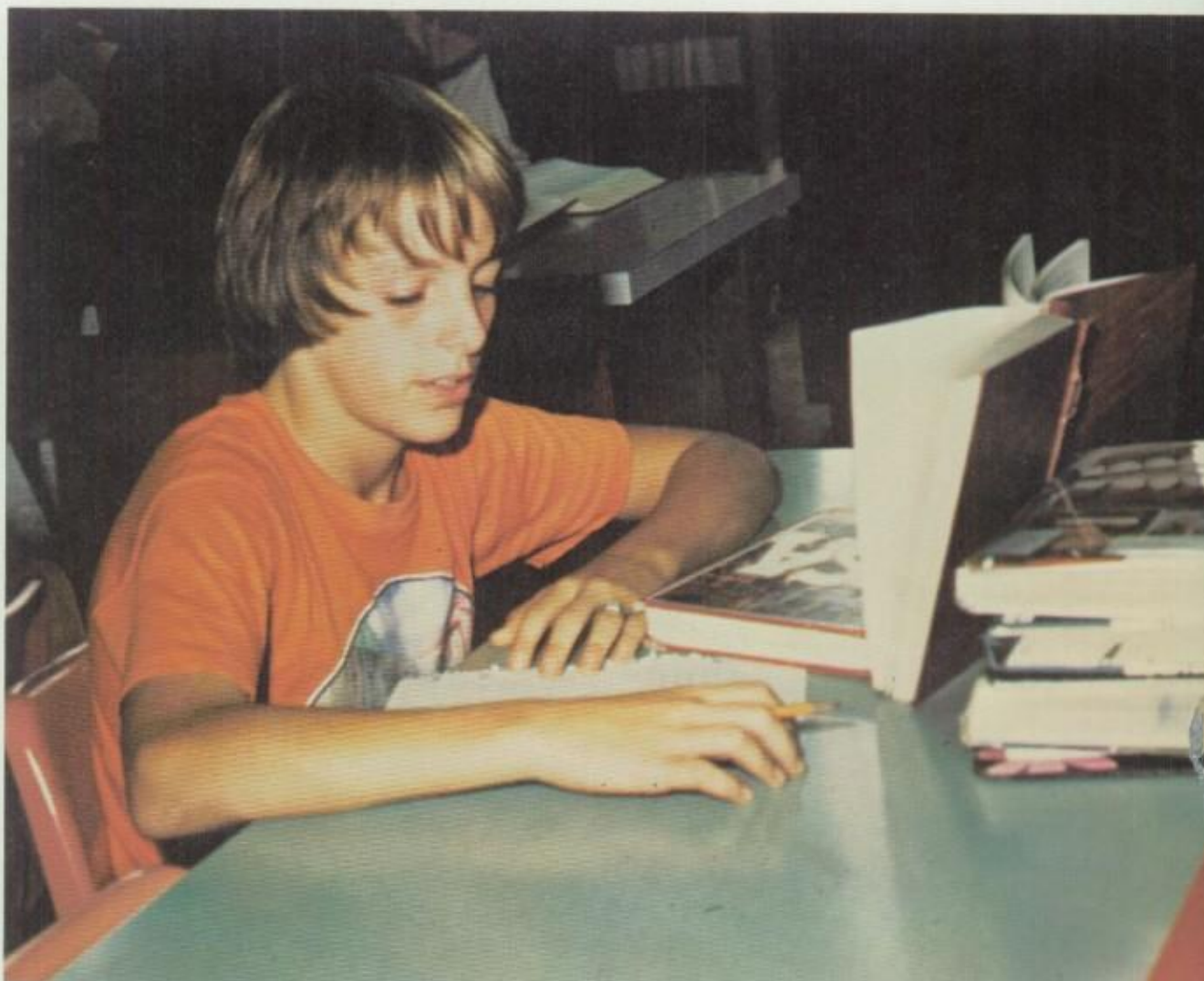


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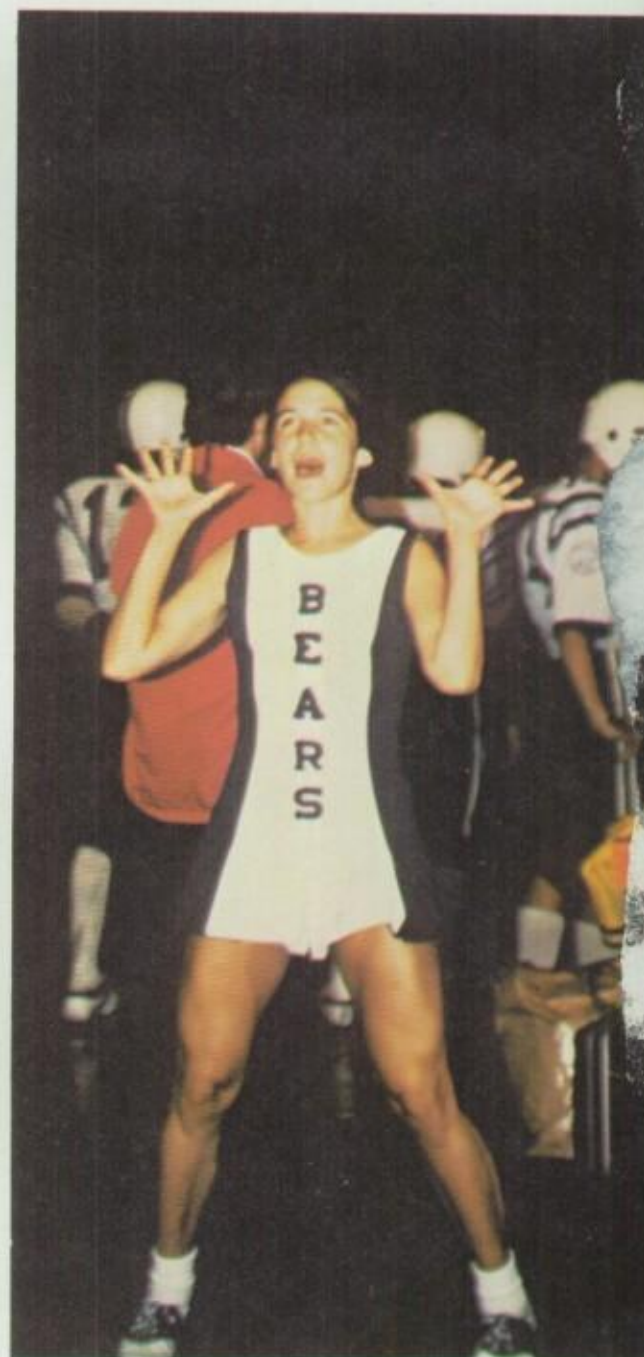
At times it seemed as though all the action took place in the auditorium or at the stadium with a tremendous group effort. However, it was the individual who was behind it all. In fact, the individual flourished everywhere from tearing through mud on motorcycles to winding around parallel bars in gymnastics, from the Statue of Liberty in New York to those "too hot" tortillas in Mexico, and from leadership positions in West Virginia to the everyday classroom routine. It was the individual who united the West and helped us discover the meaning of that old math equation $1 = 1$.

Last minute notes for an American Studies assignment occupy Todd Romesburg, freshman, who makes use of the library to finish his homework.



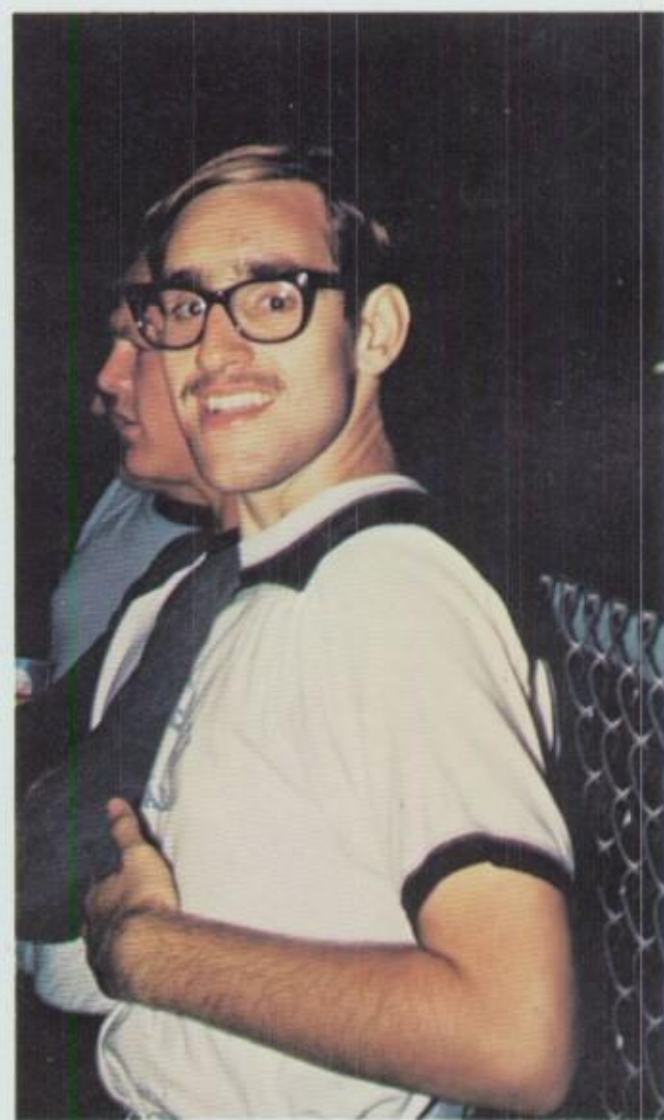
High-spirited teachers like Mrs. Vicki Weber, Mrs. Jean Minutelli, and Miss Linda Huber show how much the faculty got involved.

Despite the drizzling rain at the first football game Sept. 2, Martha Nickolich, senior, still finds something to cheer about.





Painting the "Stairway to Heaven" from Led Zeppelin's inside album cover is senior Bill Boram's project in Mr. Don Stevens' art class.



Viewing the colorful array at the Band Spectacular is George Gerau, senior. A stadium-packed crowd watched the event on a clear Saturday evening in September.

A clinch of the fist of Coach Bob DeLorenzo signals victory for the mighty Polar Bears. Also on stage at the assembly is Jeff Coe, junior.



Immediately stepping out to the sounds of "Gene, Gene, the Dancing Machine" erupting from the balcony is Mary Jackson, sophomore.



Demonstrating the effects of special make-up on sophomore Debbie Fluker is Linda Yost, junior, in Miss Linda Pinnell's drama class.

Doing what he does best is cross country runner John Case, senior. Case's second place finish in the State Meet steered the team in capturing the title.

Getting In The Act

Athletes become musicians as John Paul Daristotle, Jeff Coe, Brian Morgan, Ronnie Retton, and Mike Cale sing the junior's spirit song.

A look of apprehension passes over the faces of mascot Dodie Stoneking and varsity cheerleader Jennifer McLeary at the Bridgeport game.



It had been a long while since there had been so much enthusiasm, so much spirit, so much togetherness in the school. Just as Coach Bob DeLorenzo stated, "Everyone participated . . . that's what made Fairmont Senior Number One." We dressed in Blue and White on Fridays, teachers participated in assembly skits, and even the principal was caught with a Polar Bear t-shirt on his back.

A single gesture by senior tackle Randy Jones silently voices his opinion of the Number One ranked Polar Bear football team.

An overwhelming feeling of victory strikes the faces of Mitch Vingle, senior, Donna Fluker, sophomore, and Brett McClain, senior, during the final seconds of the play-off game.



With nothing but cheers to keep them warm, football fans brave the chilly weather at Ripley only to see their hopes of a championship title put to an end.

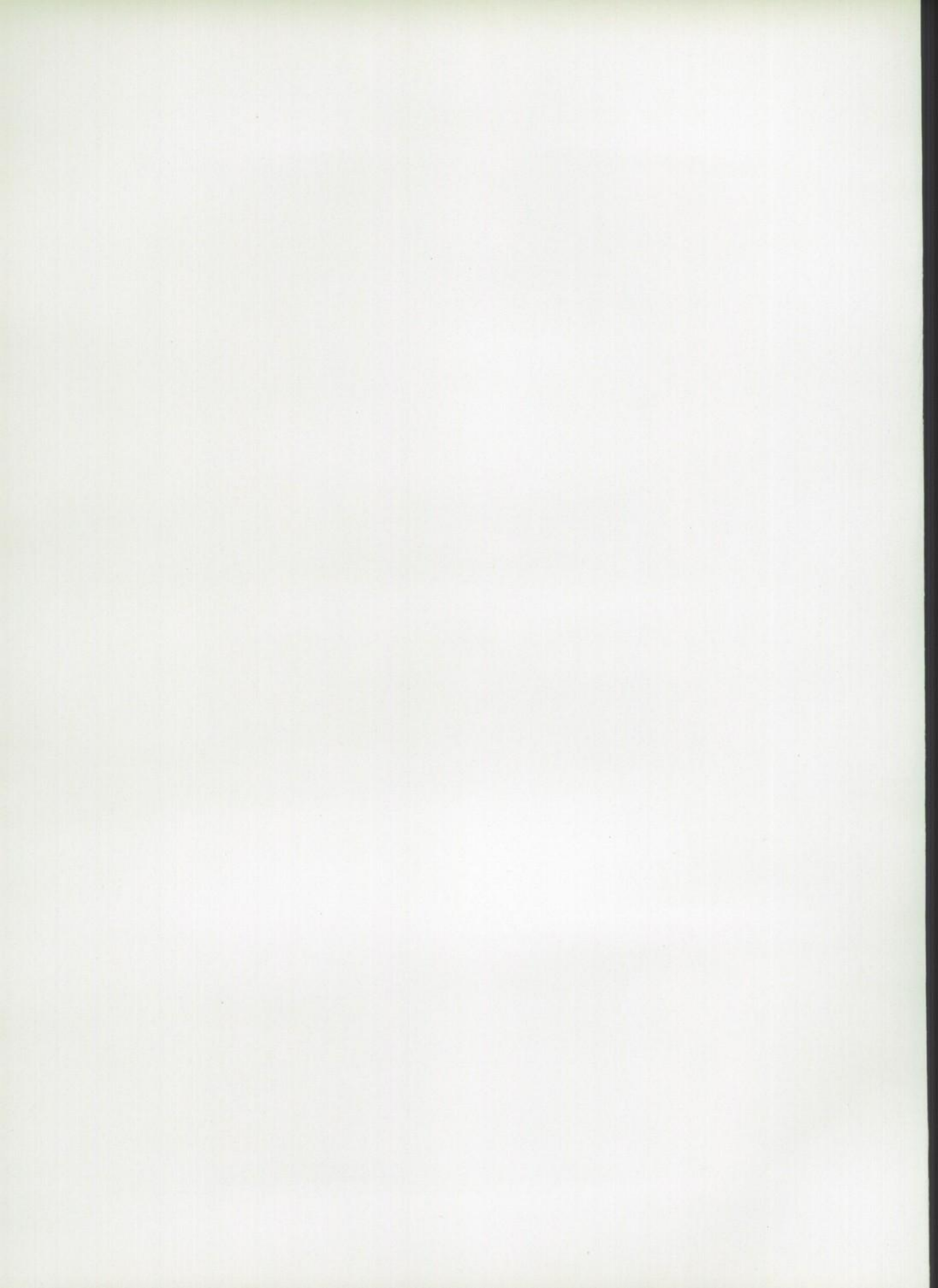
Even after the last diploma had been handed out, we knew we'd still like to go back and do it one more time. For hangin' in the halls,

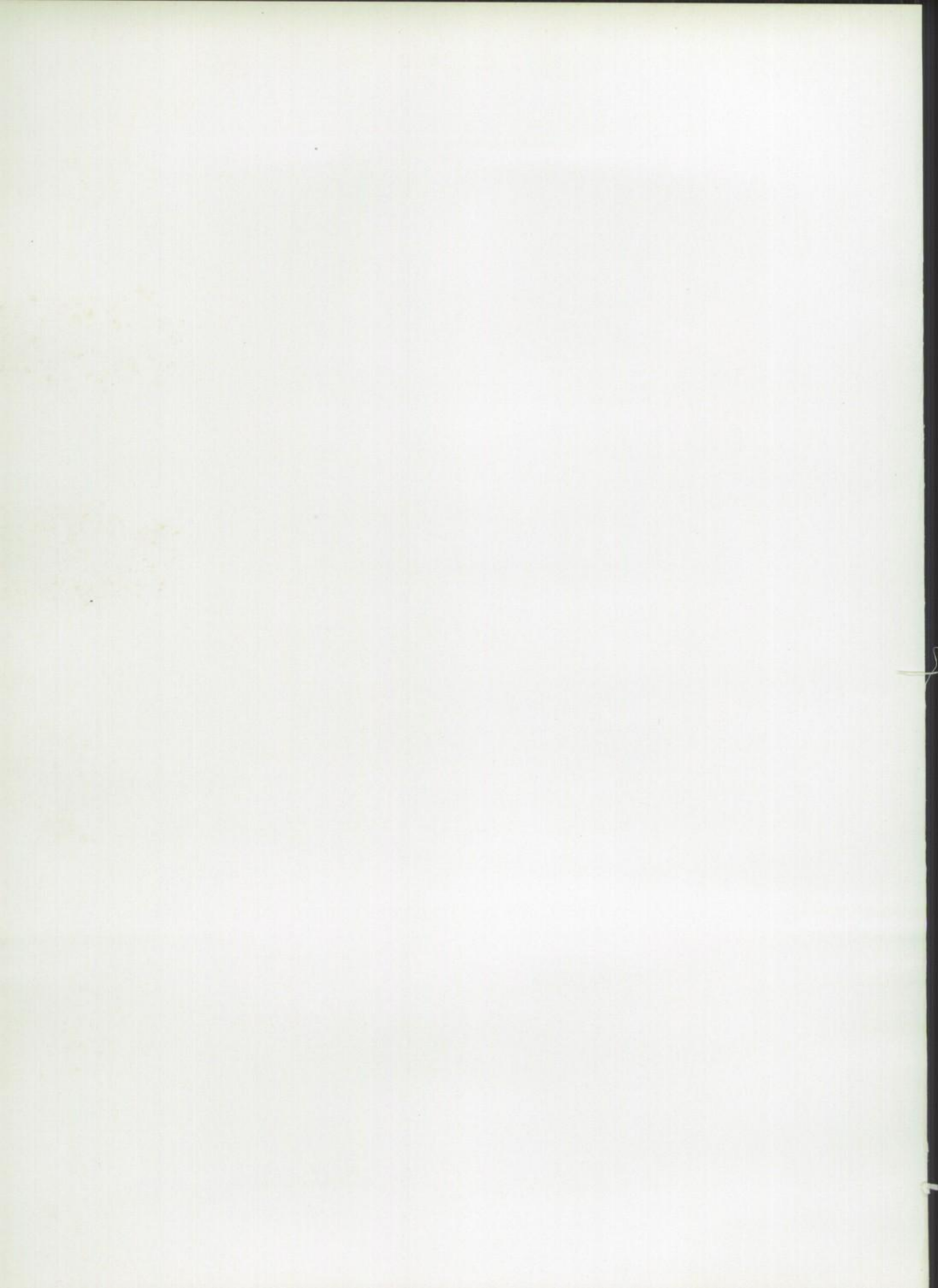
Breaking his fear of superstition, Principal John D. Tennant wears his t-shirt after the Bears maintained their Number One ranking by defeating Bridgeport.

wearing Blue and White on Fridays, bumming 50 cents for a coke and fries, and getting up on our feet to cheer were all part of the time . . .



The West Was One





TAMMY,

To A wild girl!! NEVER forget all the CRAZY
times we've had, ESPECIALLY when we
lived by Tommy Nickolich. WHAT A HUNK

